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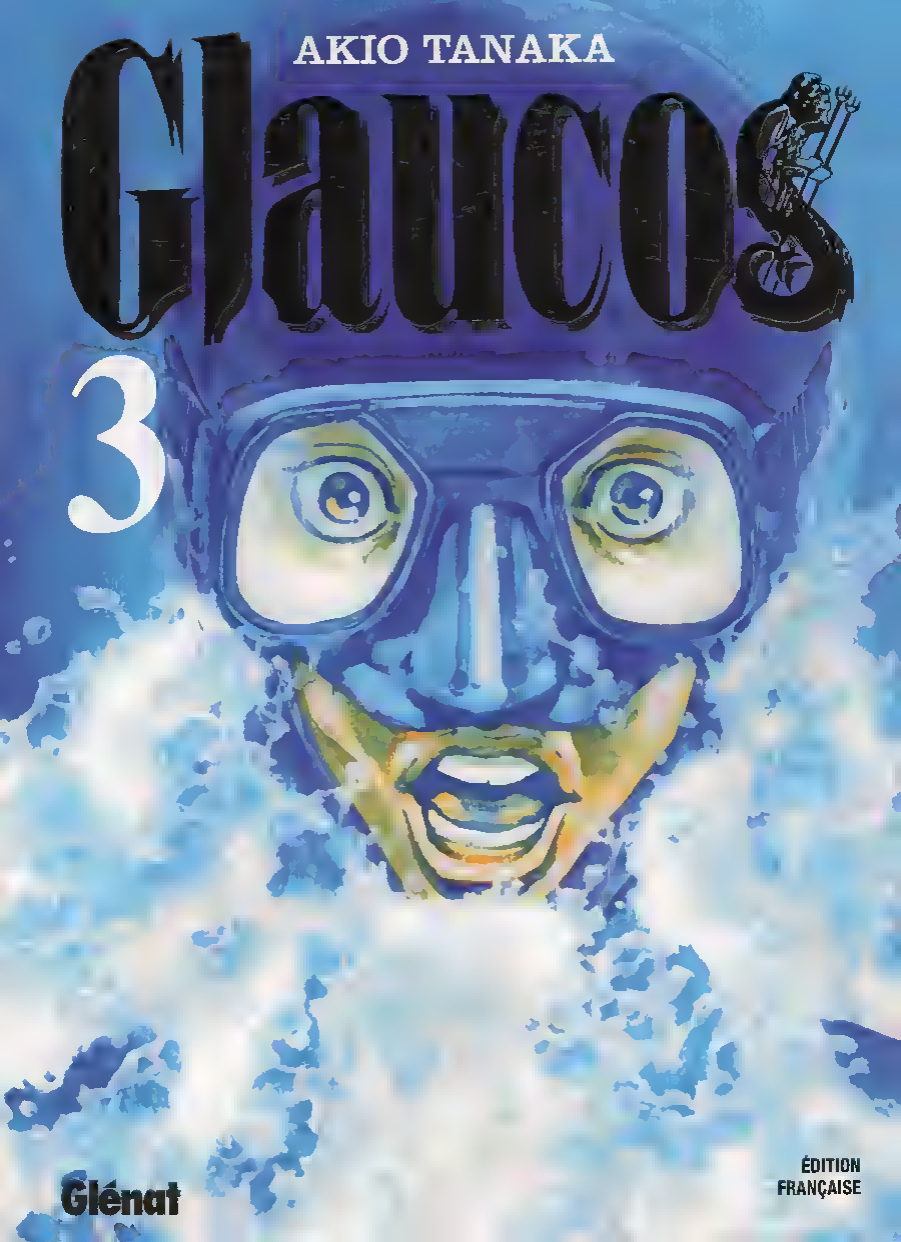

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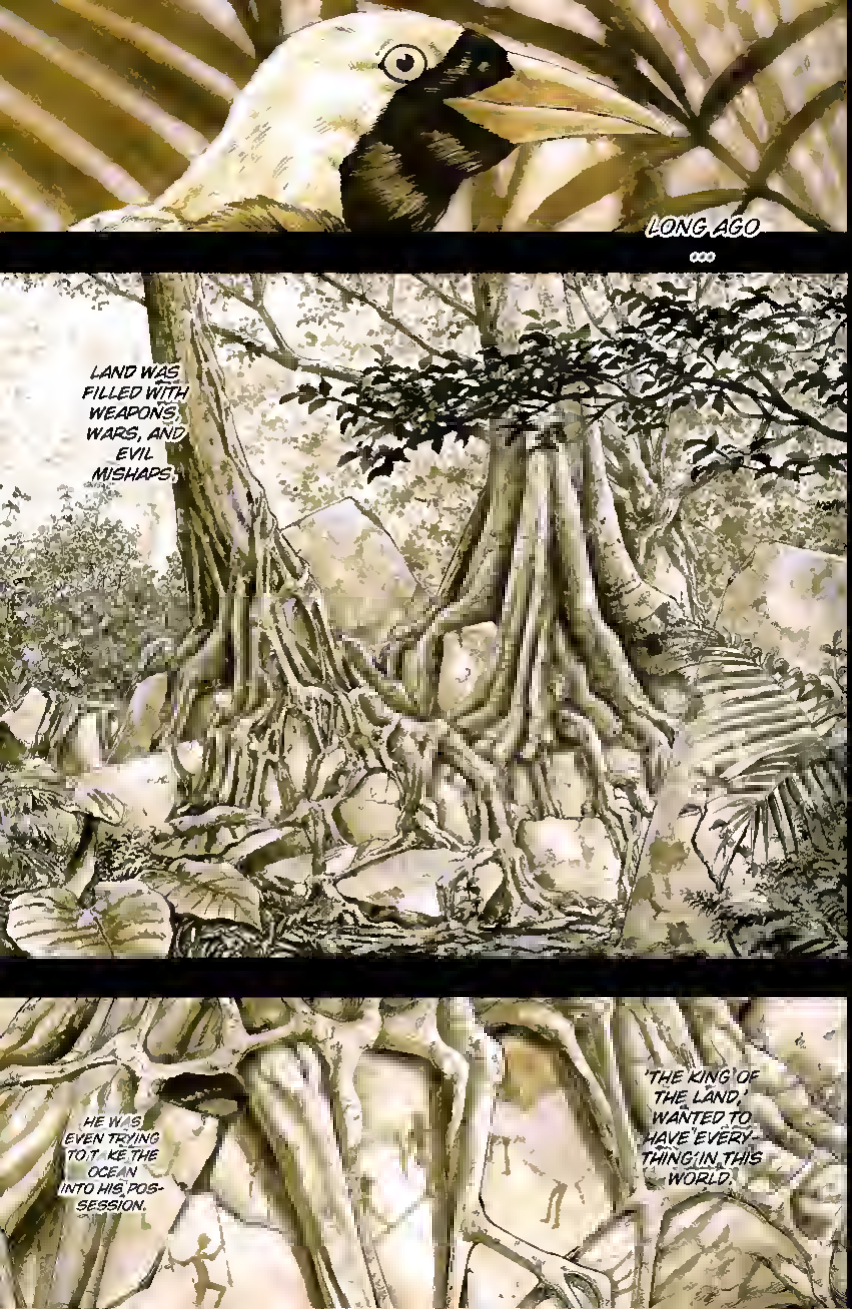
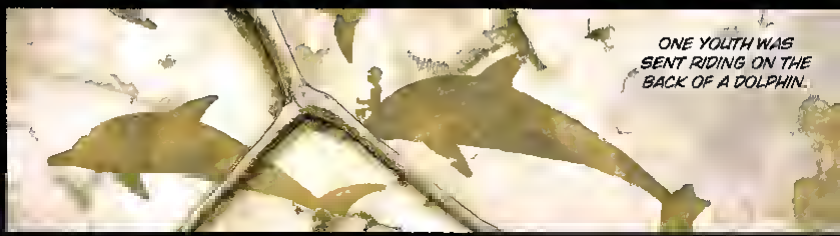
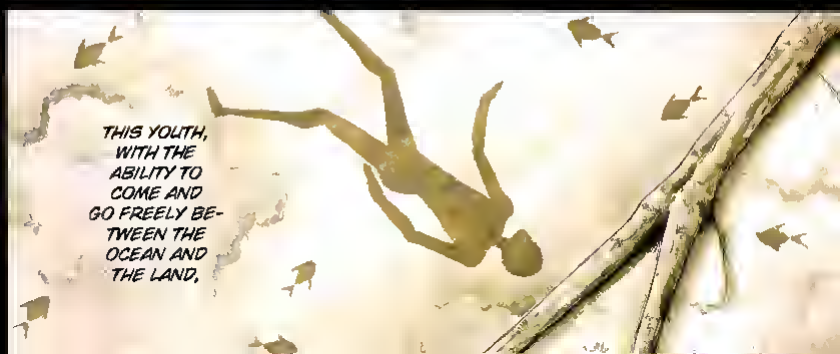

LONG AGO...
LAND WAS FILLED WITH WEAPONS, WARS, AND EVIL MISHAPS.
'THE KING' OF THE LAND, WANTED TO HAVE 'EVERY-THING' IN THIS WORLD.
HE WAS EVEN TRYING TO T AKE THE OCEAN INTO HIS POS-SESSION.

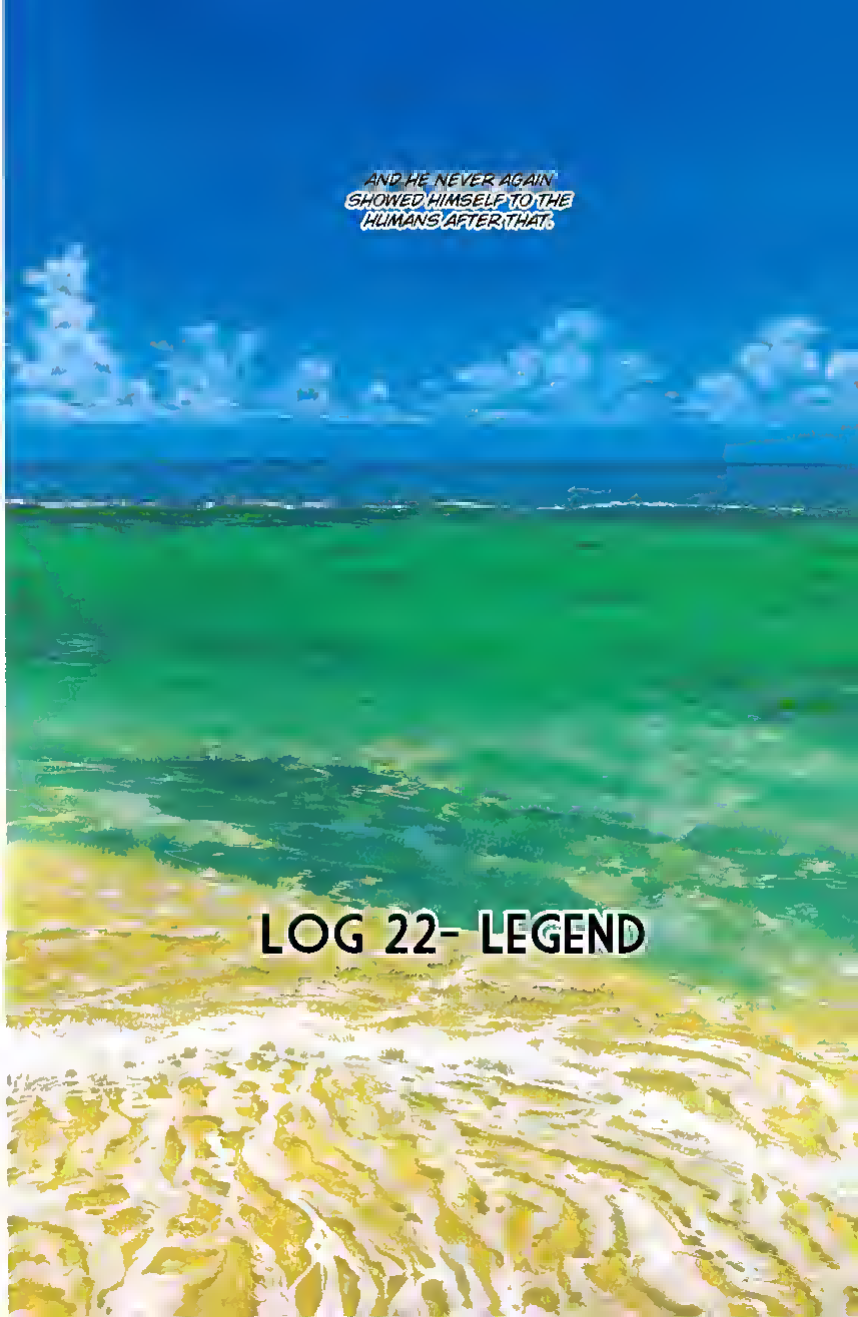
DECIDED TO SEND A MESSENGER OF PEACE OVER TO THE LAND.

THE KING OF THE OCEAN, WHO WAS WORRIED ABOUT THAT,


ONE YOUTH WAS SENT RIDING ON THE BACK OF A DOLPHIN.


THIS YOUTH, WITH THE ABILITY TO COME AND GO FREELY BE-TWEEN THE OCEAN AND THE LAND,

ALTHOUGH IT SEEMED LIKE 'THE KING OF THE LAND' WAS LISTENING WELL TO THE YOUTH'S EXPLANATION,
EXPLAINED THE WONDERFUL THINGS ABOUT THE OCEAN AND PEACE TO 'THE KING OF THE LAND.'
SOON CAPTIVATED BY ENVY AND JEALOUSY,
HE STABBED HIM WITH A SPEAR!
SOON AFTERWARDS, HIS SHAPE CHANGED AND HE DISAPPEARED INTO THE DEPTHS.
THE INJURED YOUTH SANK INTO THE OCEAN, DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED BY HUMANITY.


AND HE NEVER AGAIN
SHOWED HIMSELF TO THE
HUMANS AFTER THAT.
LOG 22- LEGEND

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GHO

...I'M NOT GOING.
PANT
PANT
FATHER DOESN'T HAVE GOOD HEALTH
PLEASE GIVE HIM AN EXAMINATION WHEN YOU MEET HIM
YOUR FAMILY WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO WON'T YOU COME WITH ME?
I DON'T WANT TO TAKE A BREAK FROM MY TRAINING
BUT CISSE...
CISSE-
TAP
TAP

PIA
GHOOO

GHOOO

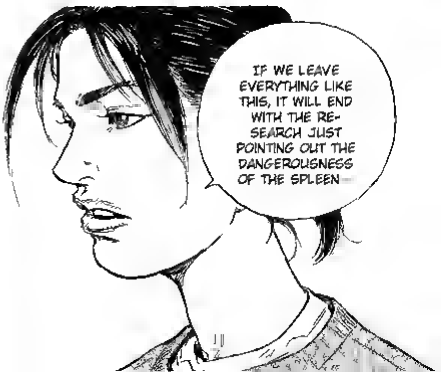
GHOOO
OO
PIA

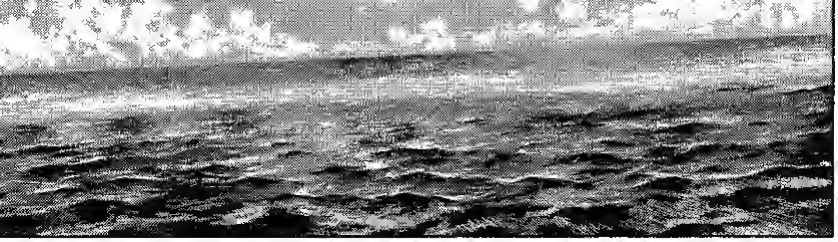
I'LL GO, EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO BY MYSELF.

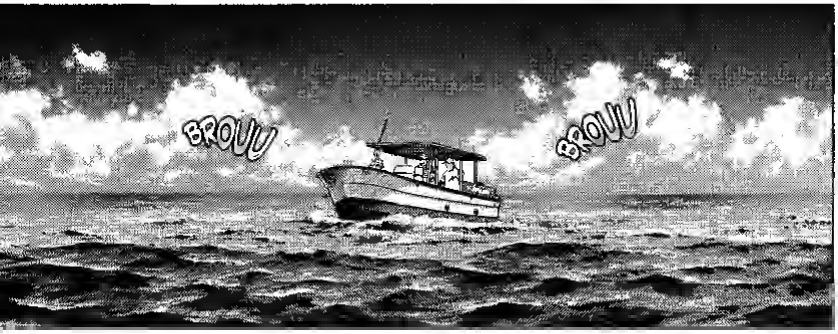
SO HE'S NOT GOING—

WELL THAT IS DEFINITELY WHAT CURRENT CISSE WOULD SAY.

EVEN IF I'M NOT HERE, DON'T LET CISSE DIVE NO MATTER WHAT.
—ALRIGHT.


IF WE LEAVE EVERYTHING LIKE THIS, IT WILL END WITH THE RE-SEARCH JUST POINTING OUT THE DANGEROUSNESS OF THE SPLEEN—

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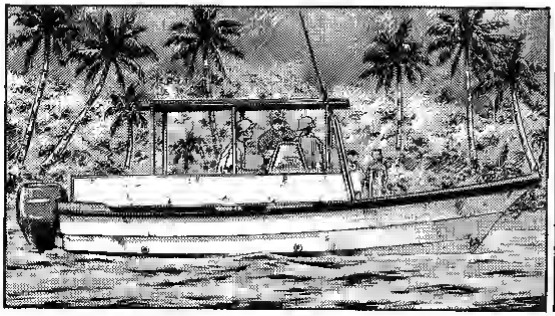
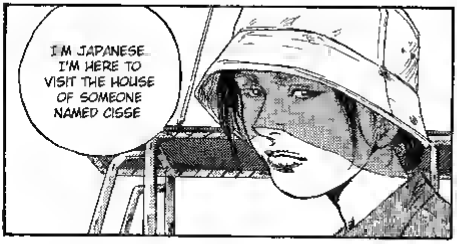
I WONDER WHO THAT JAPANESE IS? TO THINK THAT SHE'S ACTUALLY GOING TO AN ISLAND WITHOUT ELECTRICITY.
YEAH, BUT STILL, SHE'S CUTE.

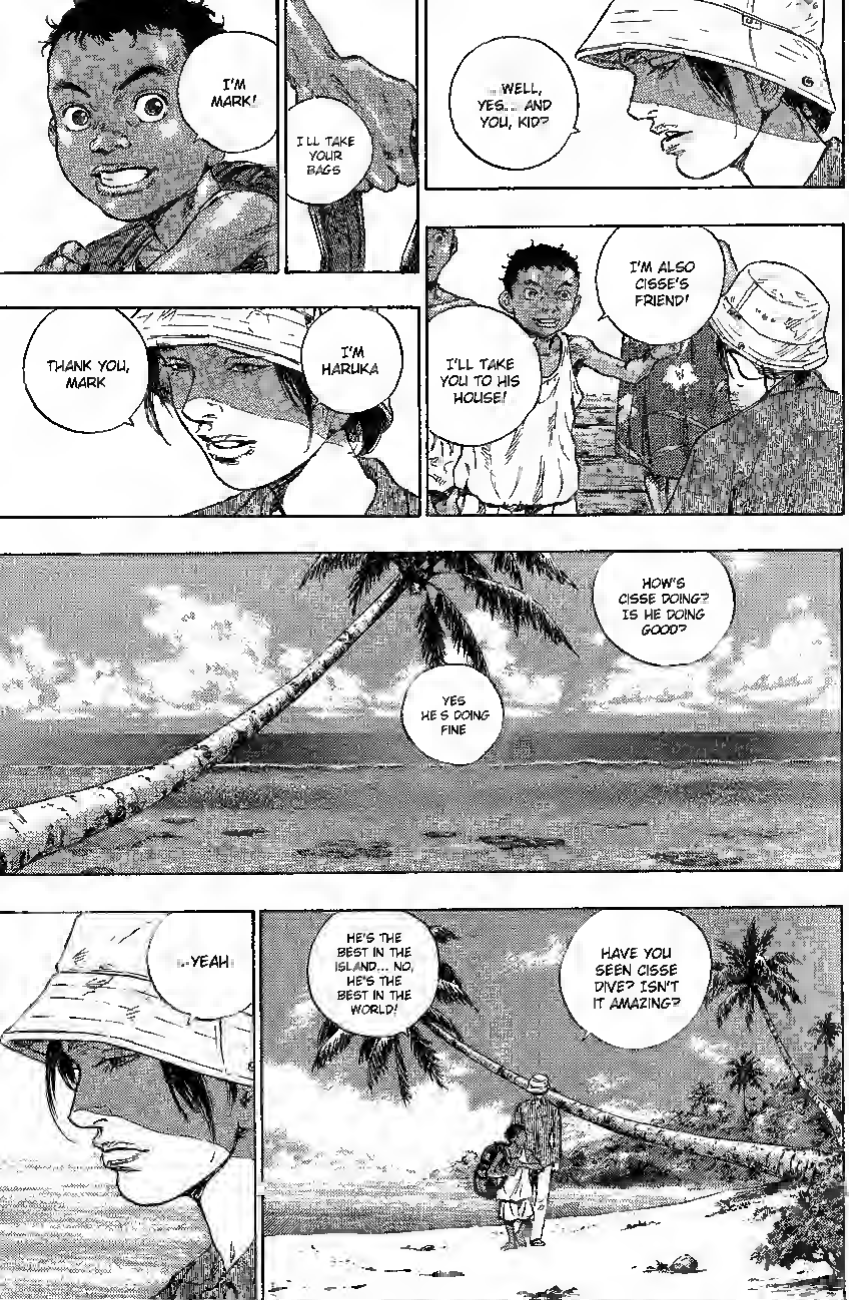


SO THIS IS THE ISLAND WHERE CISSE GREW UP...


I'M JAPANESE. I'M HERE TO VISIT THE HOUSE OF SOMEONE NAMED CISSE

WOW! OLDER SISTER, ARE YOU CHINESE? WHY ARE YOU HERE?

HOW DO YOU KNOW CISSE? I KNOW. ARE YOU GUYS FRIENDS?
WO--W, CISSE!


I'M MARK!
I'LL TAKE YOUR BAGS
...WELL, YES... AND YOU, KID?
THANK YOU, MARK
I'M HARUKA
I'M ALSO CISSE'S FRIEND!
I'LL TAKE YOU TO HIS HOUSE!
HOW'S CISSE DOING? IS HE DOING GOOD?
YES HE S DOING FINE
...YEAH
HE'S THE BEST IN THE ISLAND... NO, HE'S THE BEST IN THE WORLD!
HAVE YOU SEEN CISSE DIVE? ISN'T IT AMAZING?

HE REALLY DIVES IN FRONT OF LOTS OF PEOPLE?!
CISSE IS DIVING IN THE OCEAN?

ARGH, CISSE, HOW COULD HE...

HE MUST NOT DIVE, NOT EVER.
WHY WOULD HE WHEN I WARNED HIM SO MUCH?!

ALTHOUGH HIS SKILL IS AMAZING, LOTS OF WORRI-SOME THINGS HAVE BEEN HAP-PENING AS WELL.
SO THAT'S WHY THERE WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU...

FATHER, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
AR.. ARGHH!
.....!
ARGH!!

I CAN EVEN SEE HIS GUMS BLEEDING. ...COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE LEUKEMIA?!
FEVER, PULSE, SEVERE COUGH... AND THE BONE ACHE

DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO...
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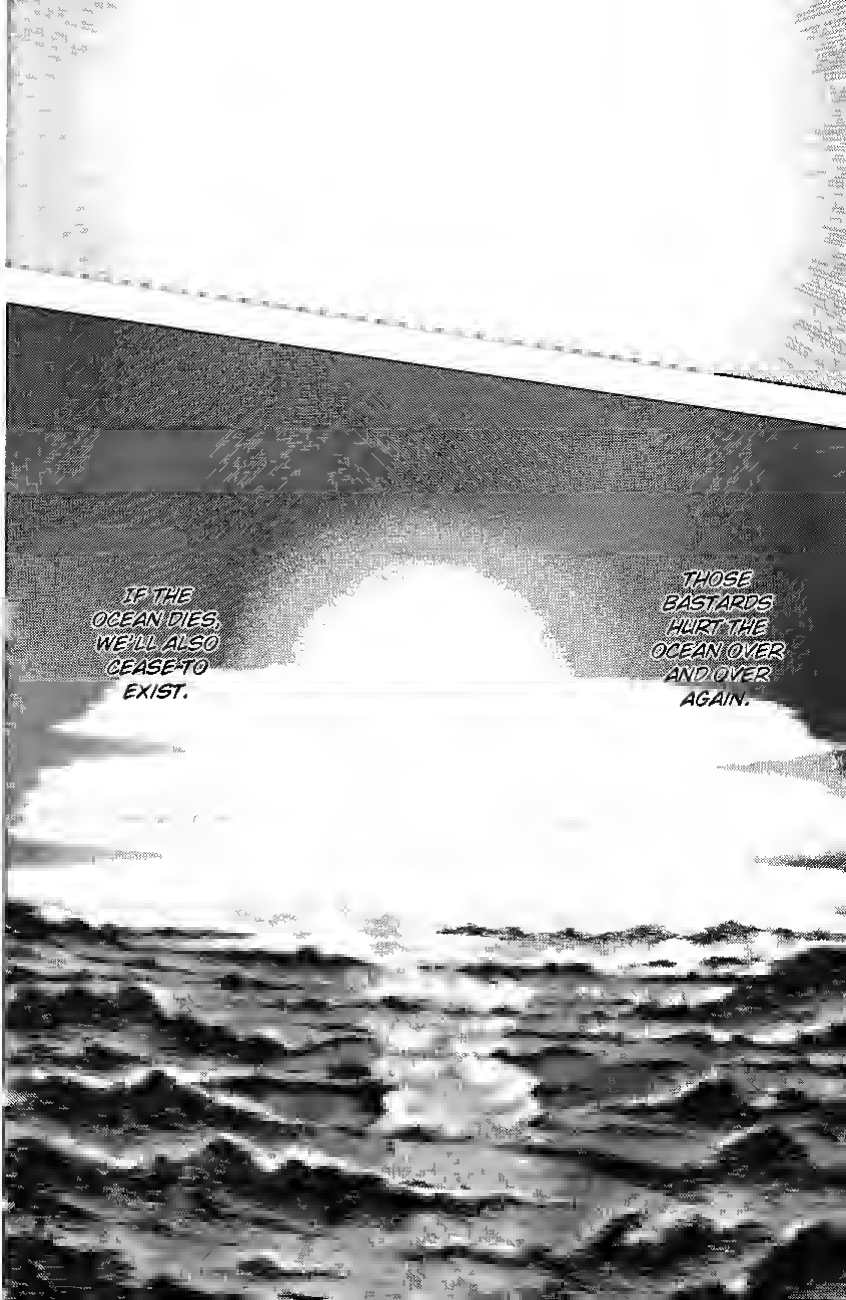
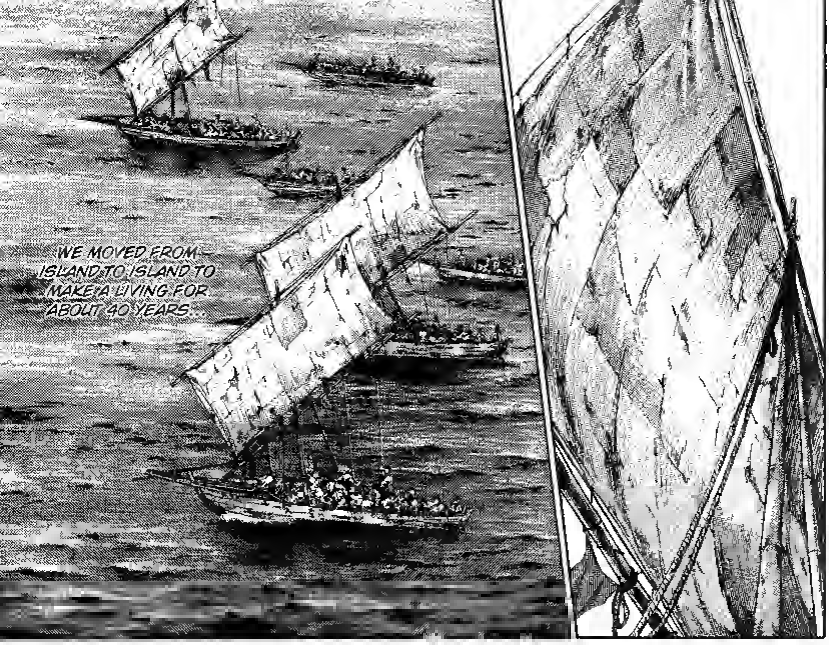
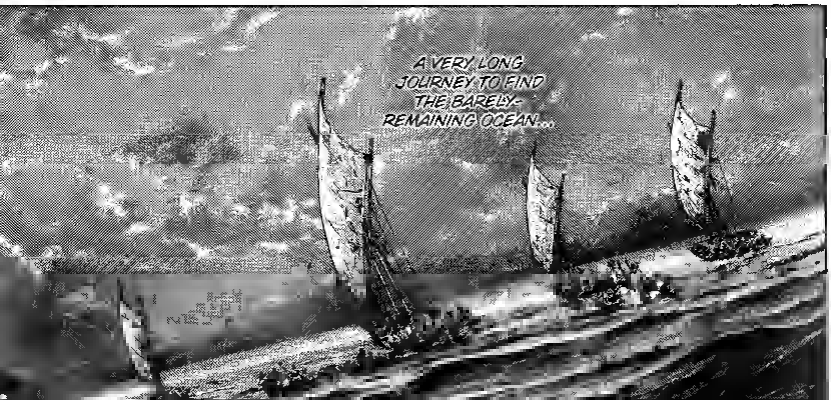
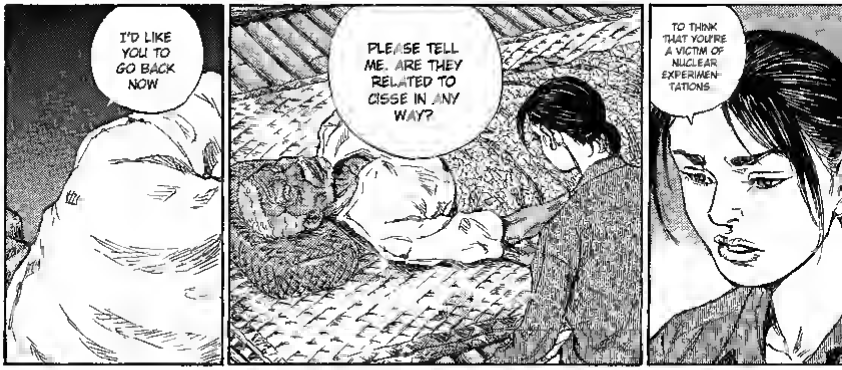
PANT
PANT... WE...
HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN AN EXAMINATION IN A HOSPITAL...?
YOUR SYMPTOMS ARE SO SEVERE LIKE THIS...

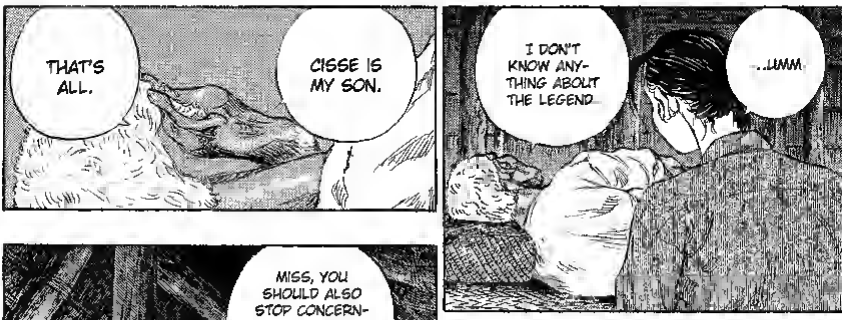

IF THE OCEAN DIES, WE'LL ALSO CEASE TO EXIST.
THOSE BASTARDS HURT THE OCEAN OVER AND OVER AGAIN.


WE MOVED FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND TO MAKE A LIVING FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS...

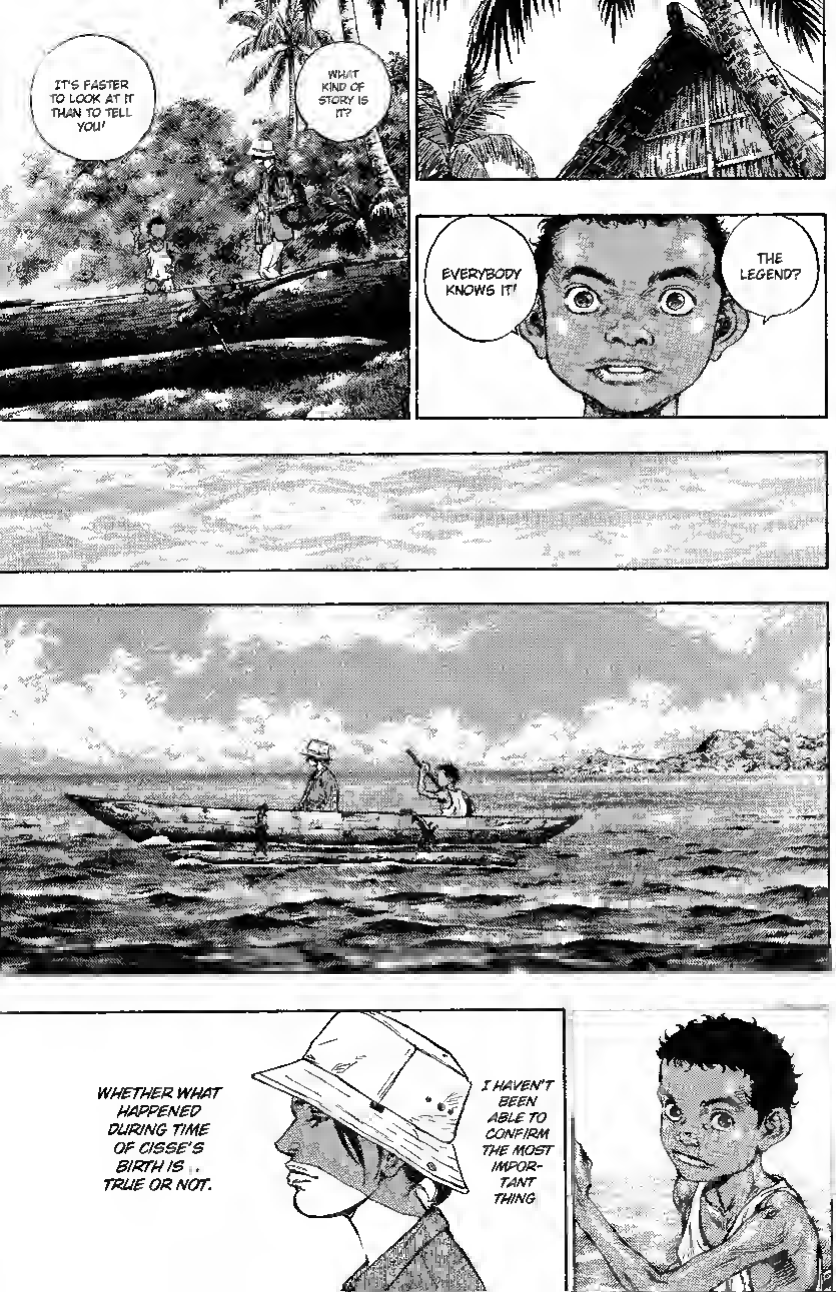

A VERY LONG JOURNEY TO FIND THE BARELY-REMAINING OCEAN...

THERE IS NO OCEAN THAT WILL SURVIVE IF WE HAVE TO LEAVE EVEN THIS ISLAND...
PANT
PANT

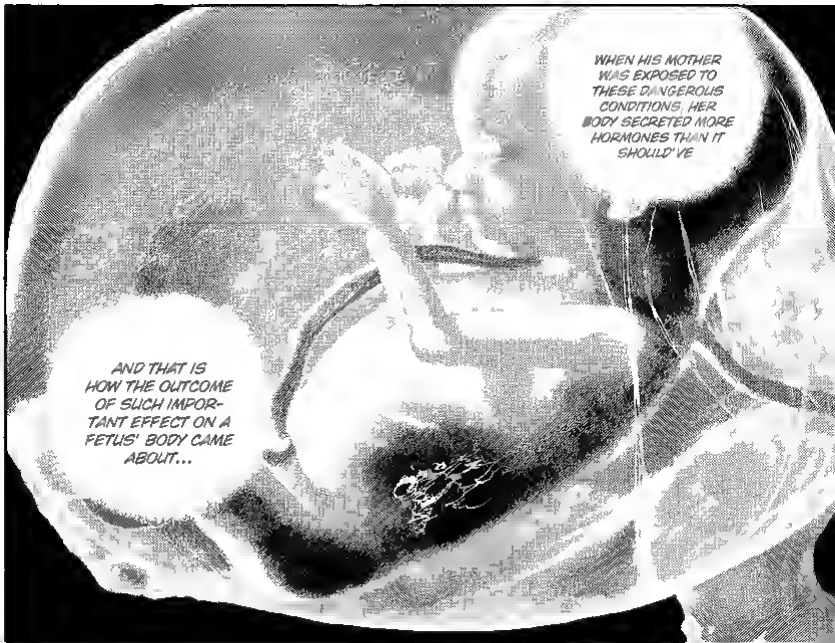

I'D LIKE YOU TO GO BACK NOW
PLEASE TELL ME. ARE THEY RELATED TO CISSE IN ANY WAY?
TO THINK THAT YOU'RE A VICTIM OF NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTATIONS...


THAT'S ALL.
CISSE IS MY SON.
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THE LEGEND
..UMM

MISS, YOU SHOULD ALSO STOP CONCERN-ING YOURSELF ABOUT CISSE FROM NOW ON...
HUH.. THE LEGEND?

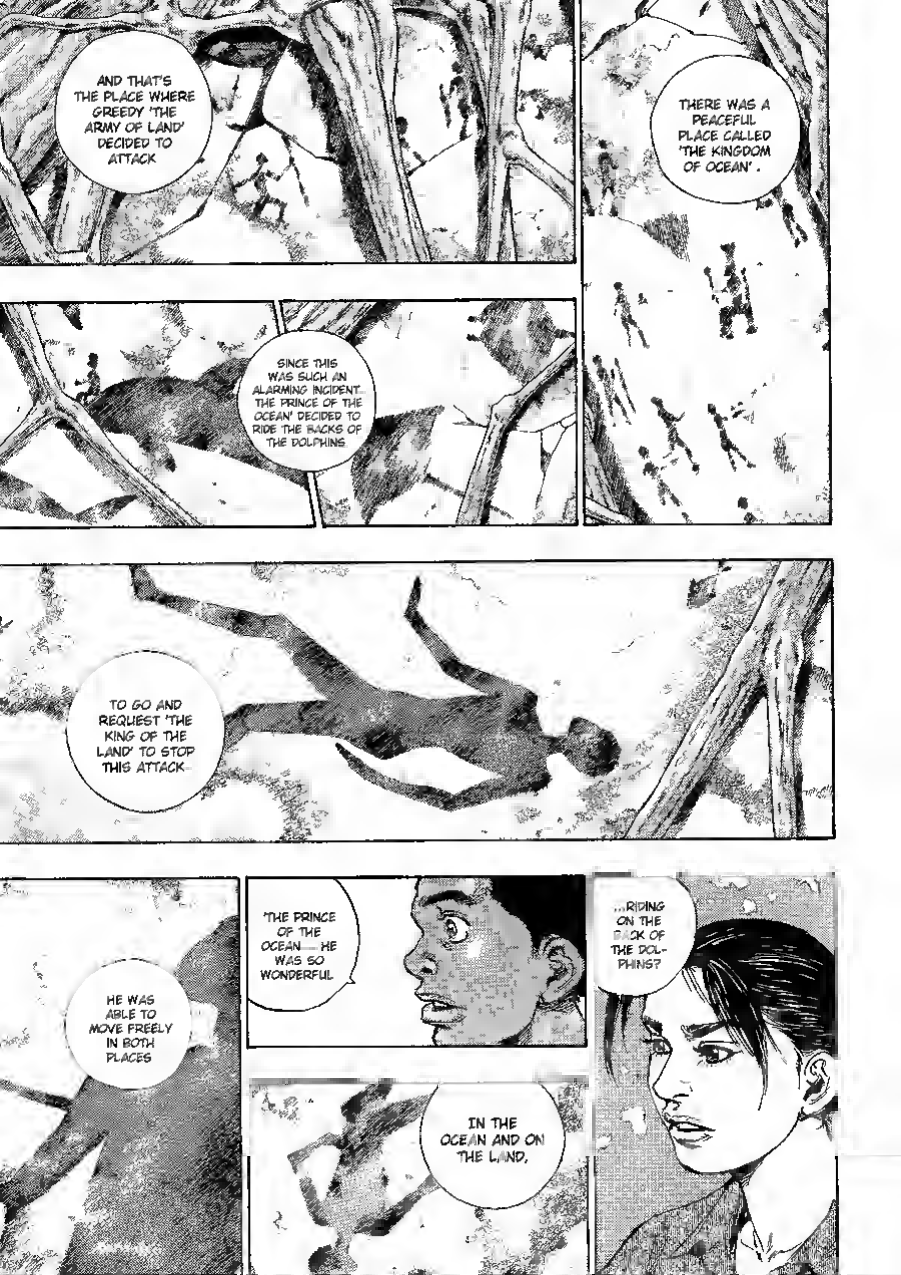

IT'S FASTER TO LOOK AT IT THAN TO TELL YOU!
WHAT KIND OF STORY IS IT?
EVERYBODY KNOWS IT!
THE LEGEND?
WHETHER WHAT HAPPENED DURING TIME OF CISSE'S BIRTH IS . . TRUE OR NOT.
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THE MOST IMPOR-TANT THING

IT'S NATURAL TO THINK THAT THEY GOT CAUGHT UP IN A SHIPWRECK...
IF HE WAS BORN IN THE OCEAN AND THE DOLPHINS MOVED HIM,
IF EVERYTHING FITS WITH THIS SPECULATION...
IT EXPLAINS WHY CISSE'S SPLEEN IS BIG.
THEN IT MEANS HIS MOTHER MUST HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO HIM WHILE DIVING IN THE OCEAN

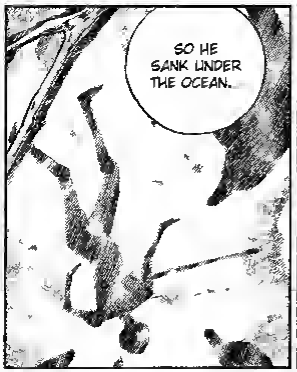

WHEN HIS MOTHER WAS EXPOSED TO THESE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS, HER BODY SECRETED MORE HORMONES THAN IT SHOULD'VE
AND THAT IS HOW THE OUTCOME OF SUCH IMPORTANT EFFECT ON A FETUS' BODY CAME ABOUT...

WE'RE ALMOST THERE. WE HAVE TO WALK NOW!
HARUKA!
MAYBE A HINT TO THE USAGE OF THE SPLEEN IS HERE.
OKAY.
WATCH YOUR STEP!

LONG, LONG AGO... IN THE FAR ANCIENT TIMES...
THEY SAID THAT OUR ANCESTOR'S ANCESTORS ARE DRAWN ON THIS ROCK!
LOOK HERE!
THIS IS... THE LEGEND?


AND THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE GREEDY 'THE ARMY OF LAND' DECIDED TO ATTACK
THERE WAS A PEACEFUL PLACE CALLED 'THE KINGDOM OF OCEAN'.
SINCE THIS WAS SUCH AN ALARMING INCIDENT, THE PRINCE OF THE OCEAN' DECIDED TO RIDE THE BACKS OF THE DOLPHINS
TO GO AND REQUEST 'THE KING OF THE LAND' TO STOP THIS ATTACK
HE WAS ABLE TO MOVE FREELY IN BOTH PLACES
'THE PRINCE OF THE OCEAN— HE WAS SO WONDERFUL
IN THE OCEAN AND ON THE LAND,
...RIDING ON THE BACK OF THE DOLPHINS?

AND 'THE KING OF THE L ND' BECAME FURIOUS AND STABBED HIM WITH HIS SPEAR. !

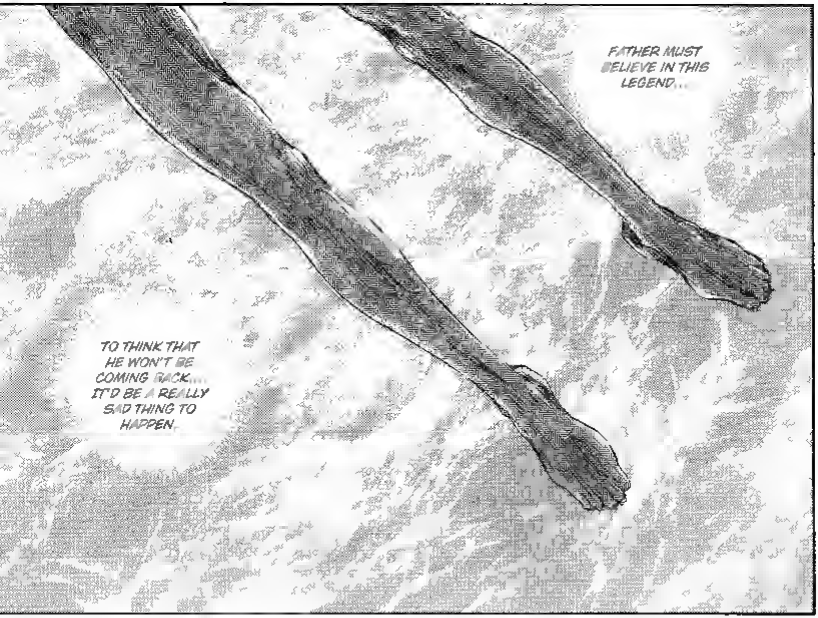

SO HE SANK UNDER THE OCEAN.

IT'S A CRUEL STORY ISN'T IT?
BUT THE INJURY IN HIS HEART WAS DEEPER THAN THE WOUND FROM THE SPEAR...

!

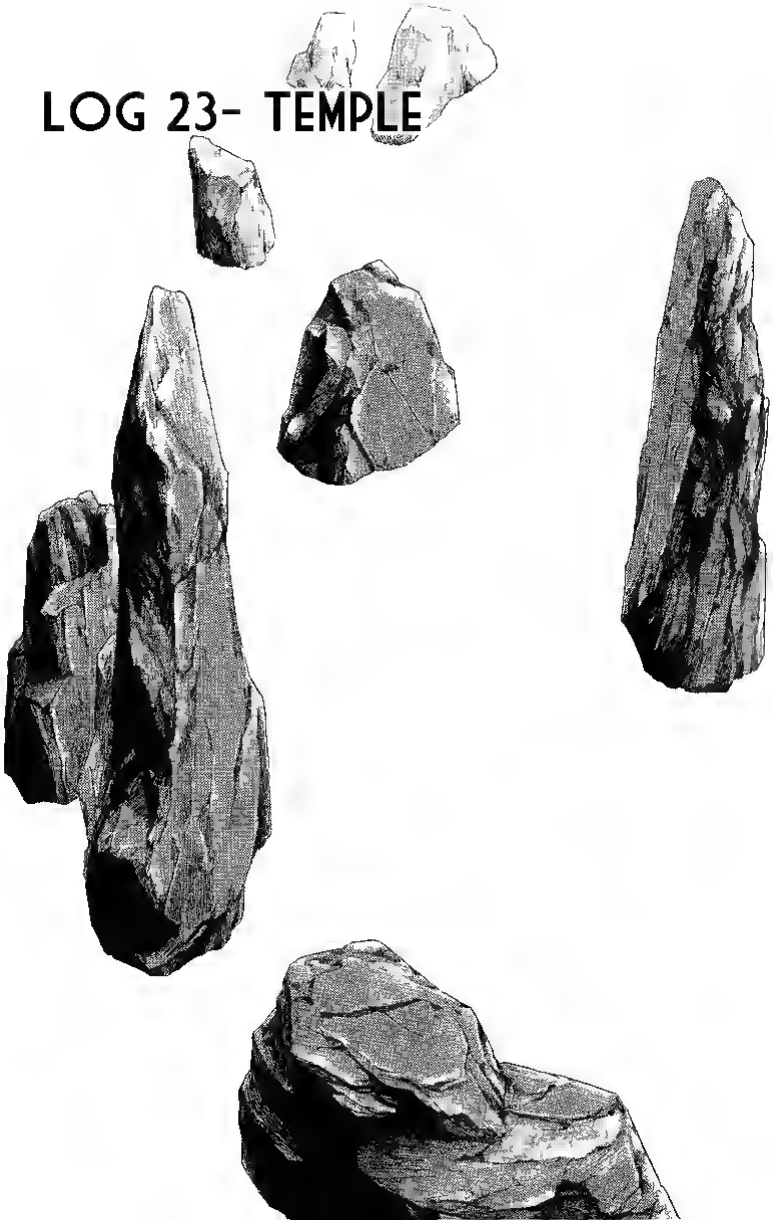
THAT'S WHEN 'THE PRINCE OF THE OCEAN' TURNED INTO A FISH...
AND HE NEVER CAME BACK AFTER THAT!

I'M NOT SURE.
THERE MIGHT BE MORE PICTURES THAT HAVE BEEN BURIED SOMEWHERE.
HOW WAS IT? WAS IT ENTERTAINING?
IS THERE ANY MORE TO THE STORY?

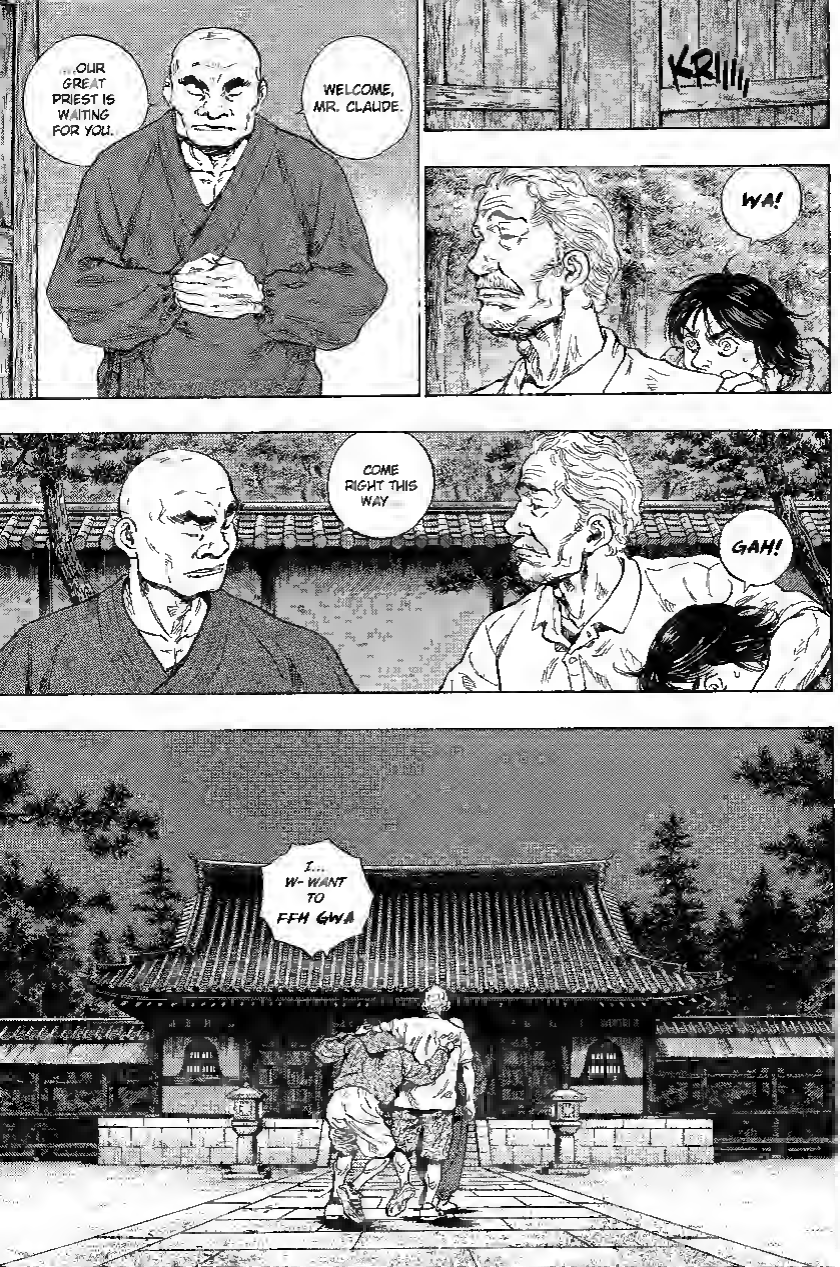

FATHER MUST BELIEVE IN THIS LEGEND...
TO THINK THAT HE WON'T BE COMING BACK... IT'D BE A REALLY SAD THING TO HAPPEN.

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO NOW?
UNCLE...!
LOG 22- END

LOG 23- TEMPLE



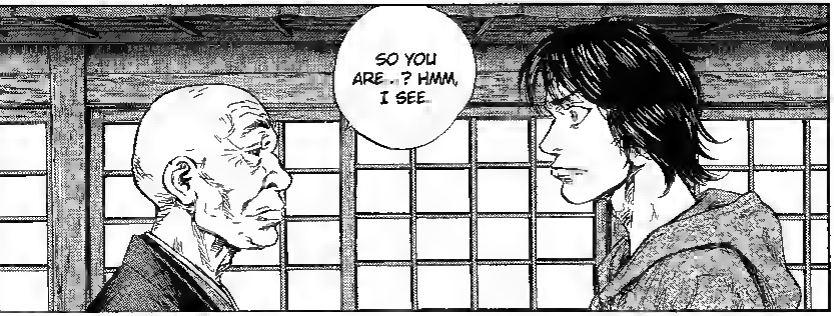
LET ME GO!
TAK
I DON'T WANT TO!!
WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU DIVE DEEPER. NOW BE QUIET.
I DON'T LIKE IT HERE! LET'S GO BACK!!
IS THIS IS TRAINING TO GET OVER MY FEAR?
YOU'RE LYING, AREN'T YOU?!
FORGET IT. JUST COME WITH ME.
I DON'T NEED TRAINING LIKE THAT. ...LET'S LEAVE!

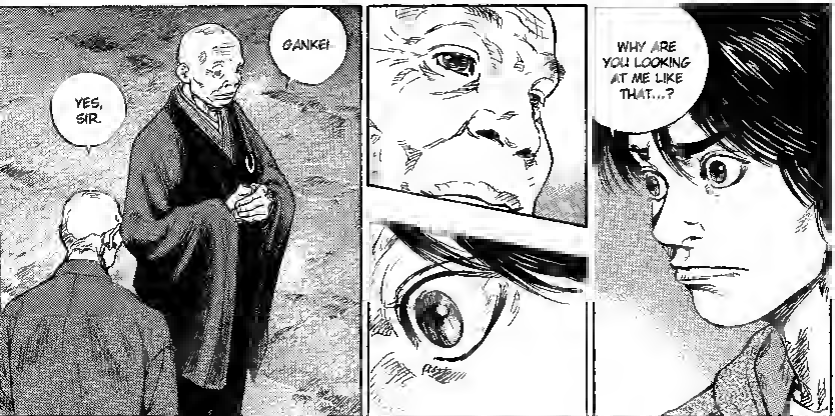

...OUR GREAT PRIEST IS WAITING FOR YOU.
WELCOME, MR. CLAUDE.
KRIIII
WA!
COME RIGHT THIS WAY...
GAH!
I... W- WANT TO FFH GWA

YOU'RE LOOKING HEALTHIER THAN BEFORE.
OH HELLO, MR. CLAUDE.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, GREAT PRIEST.

HE..., HELLO.
NICE TO MEET YOU...
THIS IS CISSE, THE ONE I TOLD YOU ABOUT IN THE LETTER.
OUCH!
THERE, NOW SAY HELLO!


SO YOU ARE...? HMM, I SEE.

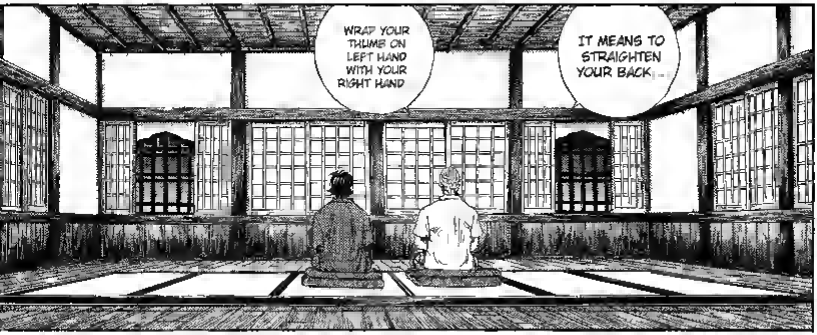

GANKI!
YES, SIR.
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT...?

!!
GUIDE HIM TO THE 'ROOM OF WATER AND MOON'
HE'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR A FEW DAYS.
IN... IN THAT ROOM?
PROMPTLY.
YOU WILL FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH MEDITATION FOR A WEEK, STARTING TONIGHT.
I SPECIALLY ASKED THIS ZEN MONK TO TAKE YOU IN AS AN APPRENTICE
YOU SHOULD LOOK AFTER HIM.
ARE THEY ARGUING ..?

THEY ARE CONNECTED!
I'M LEAVING. GOOD-BYE!
GWT
IN THIS CREEPY PLACE?!
FOR A WEEK?!
THE BREATHING TECHNIQUE... AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THINGS.
I ALSO LEARNED EVERYTHING HERE LONG TIME AGO.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT THEY'RE CONNECTED...! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
DIVING DEEPER, YEAH RIGHT.
GANKE!
CISSE!
YES.
I REFUSE!
WOAH!!
VLAM
?

I'LL DO IT, I'LL DO IT!
OKAY! OKAY!
P- PLEASE STOP!
OUCH!!

MAKE YOUR EARS AND SHOULDERS, NOSE, AND NAVEL SYMMETRICAL.


WRAP YOUR THUMB ON LEFT HAND WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND
IT MEANS TO STRAIGHTEN YOUR BACK!...

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN WHEN I DO THIS?

HMM, ABDOMEN...
MAKE YOUR BREATHING AS SLOW AS POSSIBLE.
JUST BE QUIET AND DO AS I SAY...
FOCUS YOUR MIND ON YOUR LOWER STOMACH.
BE AWARE OF THE SPOT 3CM BELOW YOUR NAVEL.
THE BREATHING TECHNIQUE OF MEDITATION DOES HELP.
IF YOU CAN BREATHE WELL, YOU CAN HOLD YOUR BREATH LONGER.
YOU CAN'T GO OUTSIDE ANYWHERE EXCEPT THE BATHROOM.
THAT'S ALL. JUST KEEP ROTATING TO THE LEFT LIKE THIS FOR A WEEK.
YOU CAN RAISE THE RECORD.
ROTATING ONLY TO THE LEFT FOR A WEEK?!
!
WHAT ELSE SHOULD I DO?
REALLY--?

YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL SO YOU DON'T MAKE THAT SCARY WATCH-MAN ANGRY.
HE'LL BRING EVEN YOUR MEALS TO THIS PLACE.
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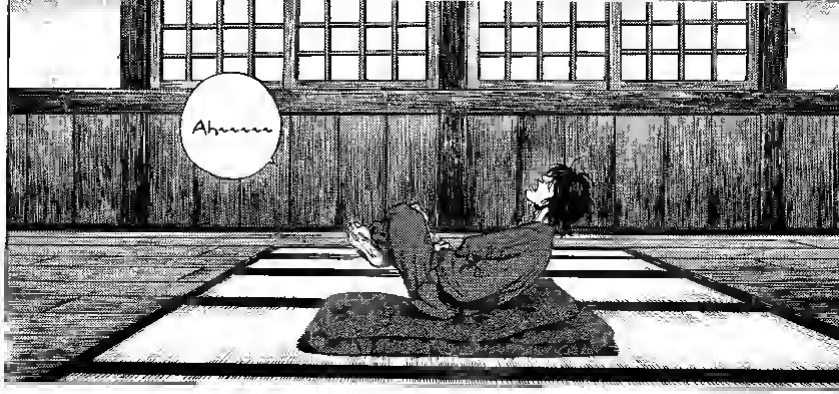
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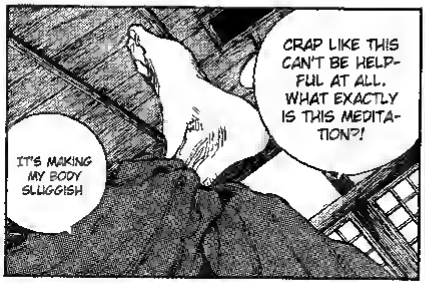
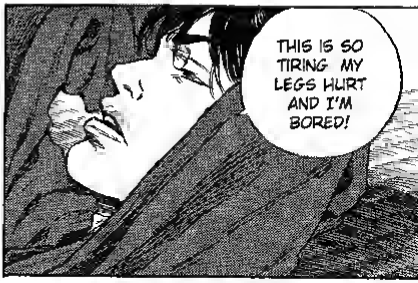
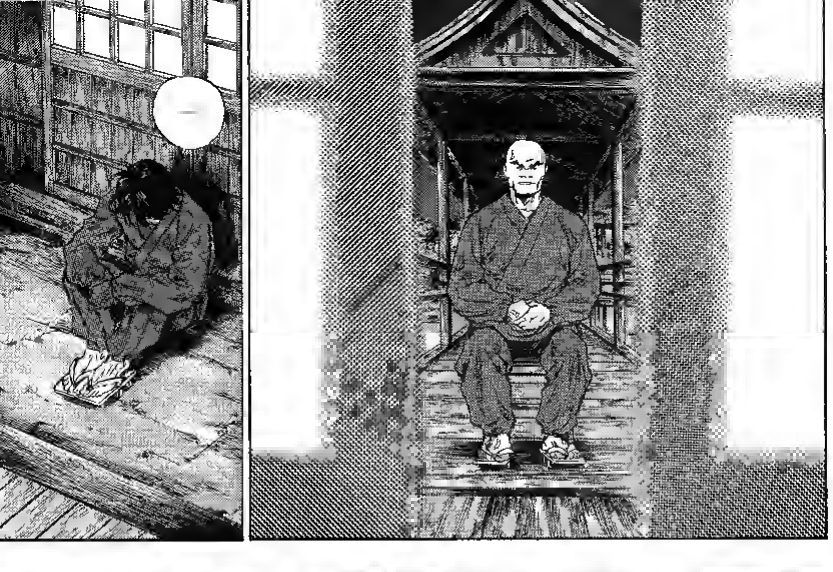

IT'S MAKING MY BODY SLUGGISH
CRAP LIKE THIS CAN'T BE HELPFUL AT ALL. WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS MEDITATION?!


THIS IS SO TIRING. MY LEGS HURT AND I'M BORED!

I'LL ESCAPE FROM HERE

!

IS HE KEEPING WATCH FOR REAL...?
HAHA. NO WAY.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THAT'S ALL...?!
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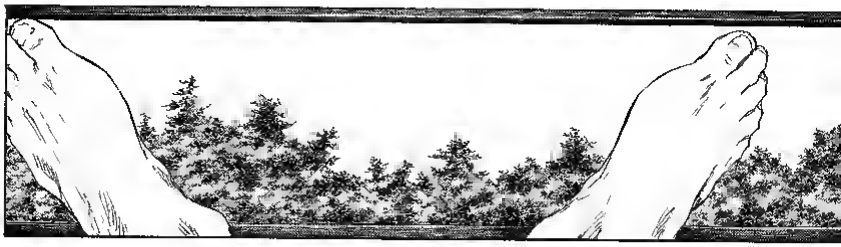
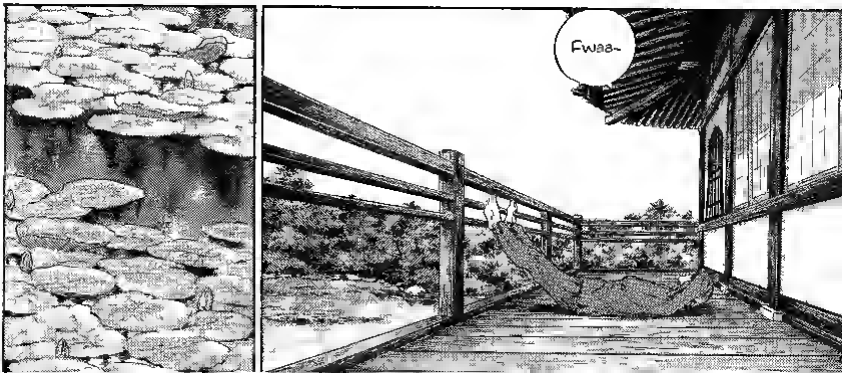
DAMN IT.. I'M STILL HUNGRY...
THANK YOU FOR... THE FOOD

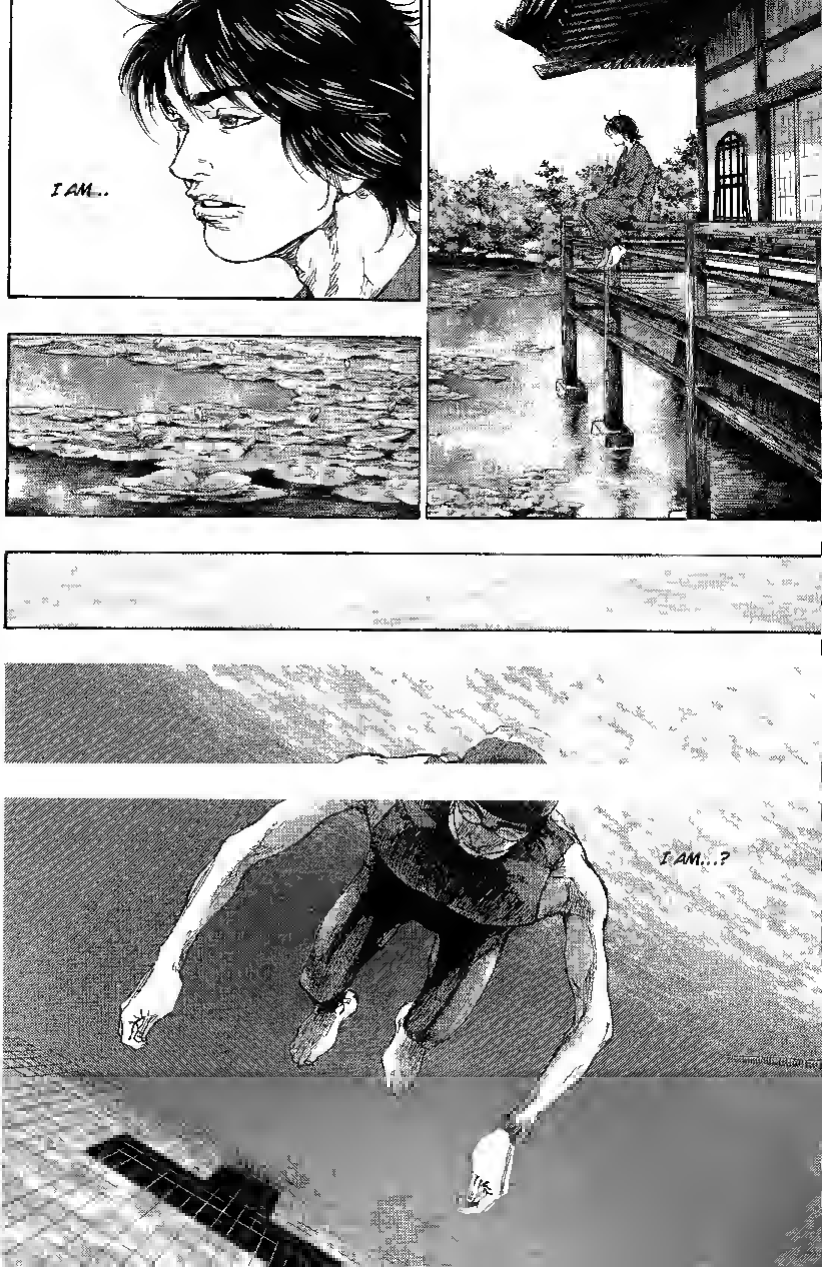



Fwaa~

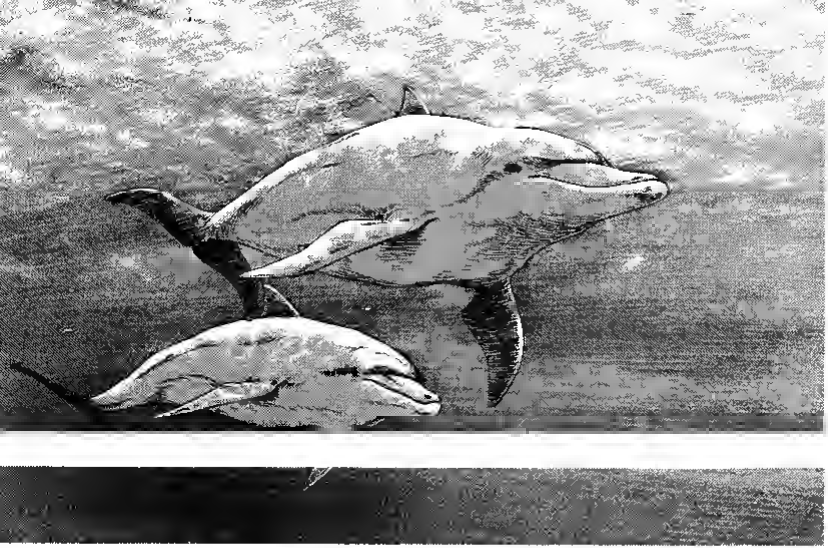
AHH, I WANT TO EAT SOME-THING
I CAN'T SLEEP EITHER.

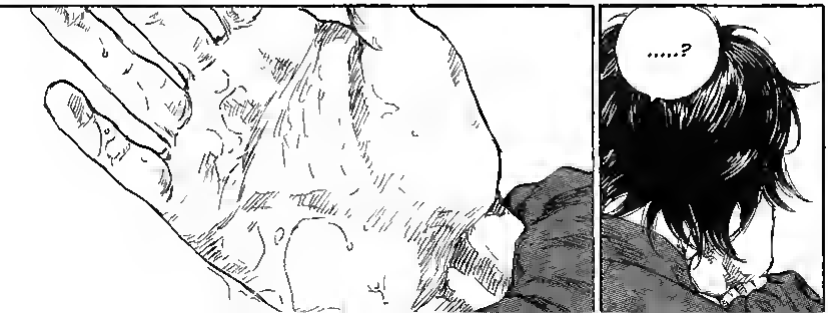
Hup~

IT'S ONLY BEEN 3 DAYS. IT'S TOO LONG.


I AM..
I AM...?

I'M...





AHH... I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
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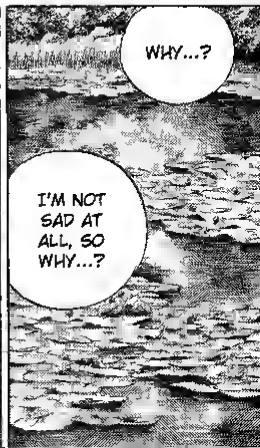
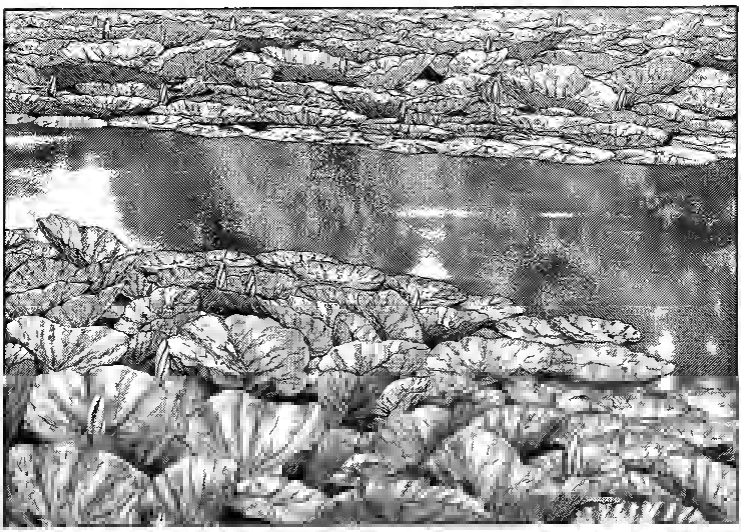
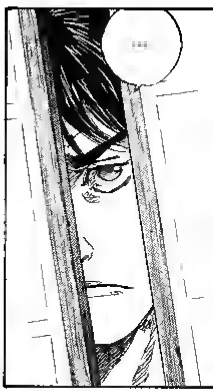

WHY...?
I'M NOT SAD AT ALL, SO WHY...?

LOG 24- ZEN



I'M SORRY BUT

I GUESS HE'S STILL NOT TIRED FROM GUARDING ME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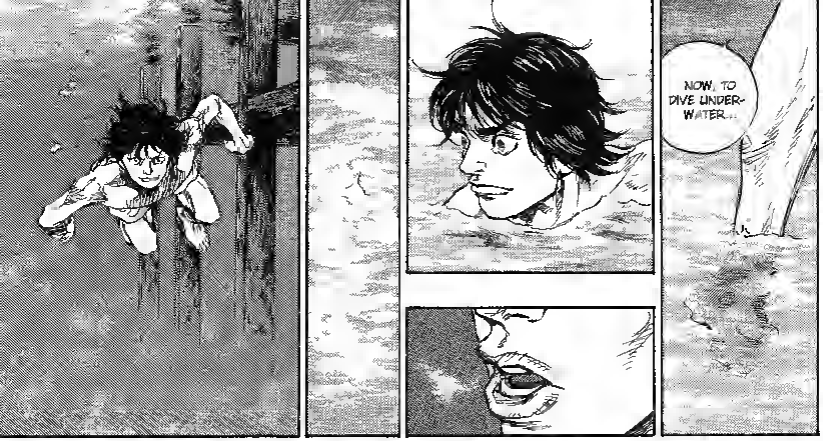
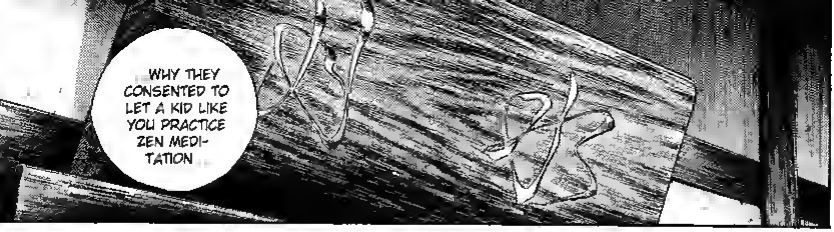
THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE COMPETITION

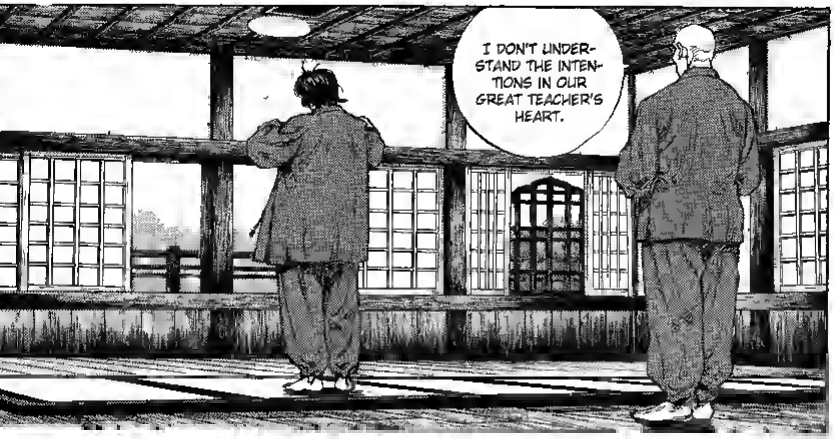
I JUST THOUGHT OF AN ESCAPE ROUTE WHERE I WON'T GET CAUGHT

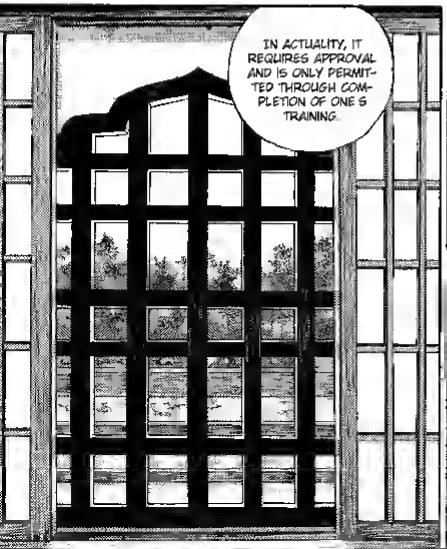

NOW, TO DIVE UNDER-WATER...

HEHE, THIS IS SO AWESOME! ESCAPE SUC-CESS!!

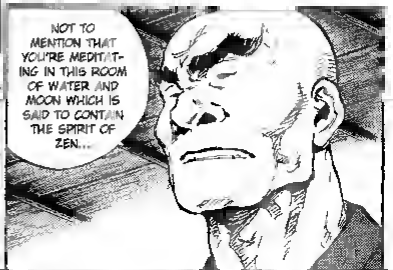
NICE TRY.

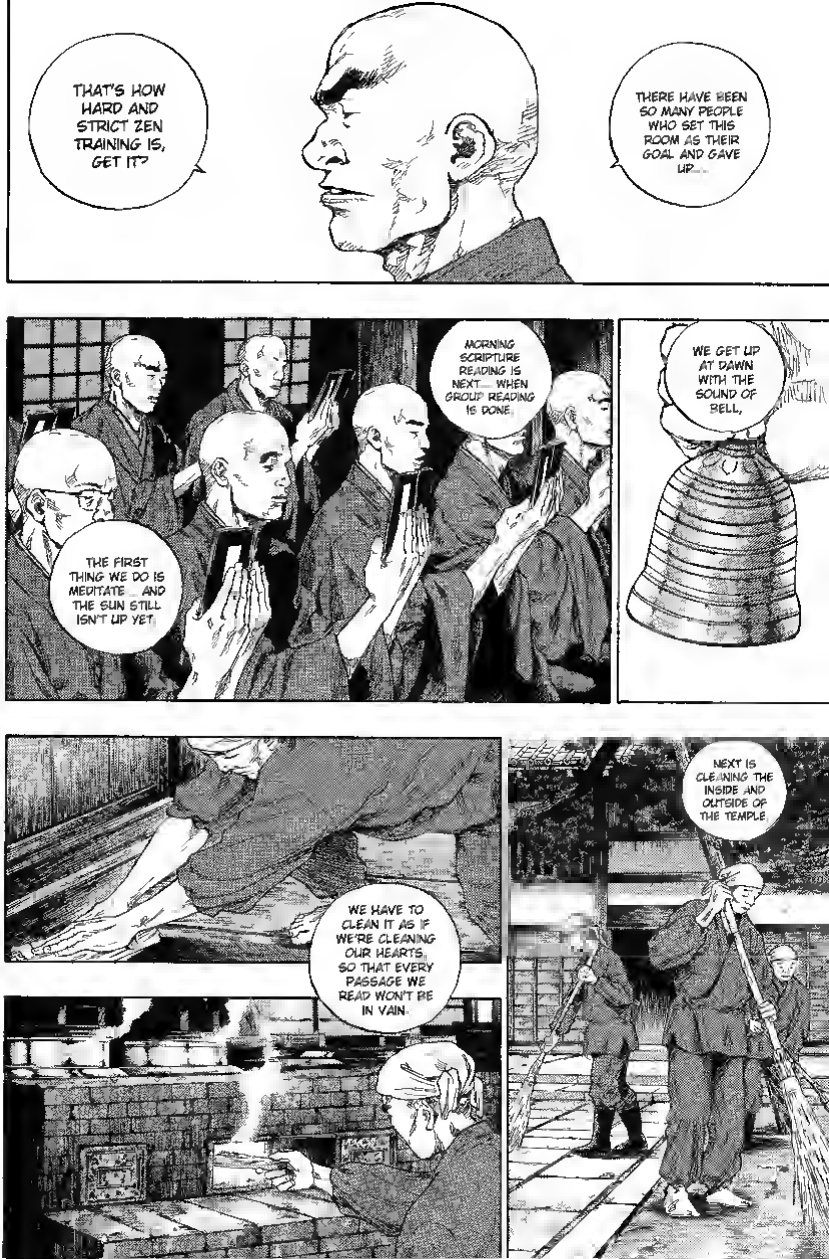

WHY THEY CONSENTED TO LET A KID LIKE YOU PRACTICE ZEN MEDI-TATION


I DON'T UNDER-STAND THE INTEN-TIONS IN OUR GREAT TEACHER'S HEART.


IN ACTUALITY, IT REQUIRES APPROVAL AND IS ONLY PERMIT-TED THROUGH COM-PLETION OF ONE'S TRAINING.

I WAS FORCED TO COME HERE.
I DON'T CARE!

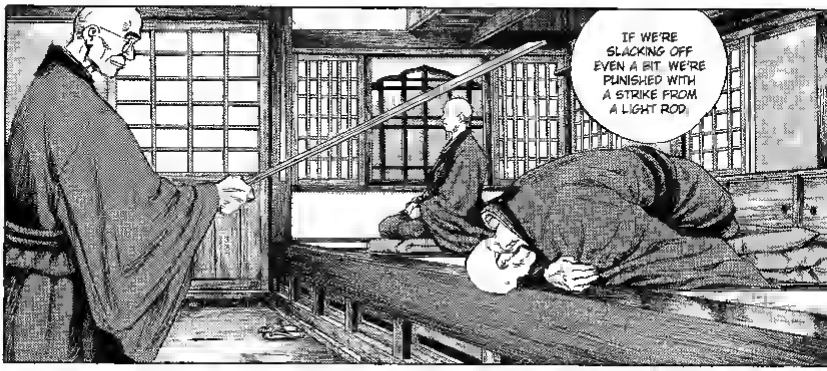

NOT TO MENTION THAT YOU'RE MEDITAT-ING IN THIS ROOM OF WATER AND MOON WHICH IS SAID TO CONTAIN THE SPIRIT OF ZEN...


THAT'S HOW HARD AND STRICT ZEN TRAINING IS, GET IT?
THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY PEOPLE WHO SET THIS ROOM AS THEIR GOAL AND GAVE UP.....
THE FIRST THING WE DO IS MEDITATE ... AND THE SUN STILL ISN'T UP YET.
MORNING SCRIPTURE READING IS NEXT..... WHEN GROUP READING IS DONE.
WE GET UP AT DAWN WITH THE SOUND OF BELL,
WE HAVE TO CLEAN IT AS IF WE'RE CLEANING OUR HEARTS, SO THAT EVERY PASSAGE WE READ WON'T BE IN VAIN.
NEXT IS CLEANING THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE TEMPLE.

RELIGIOUS MENDICANCY... IT'S THE TRAINING OF TRAVELING TO RECEIVE MONEY OR RICE.

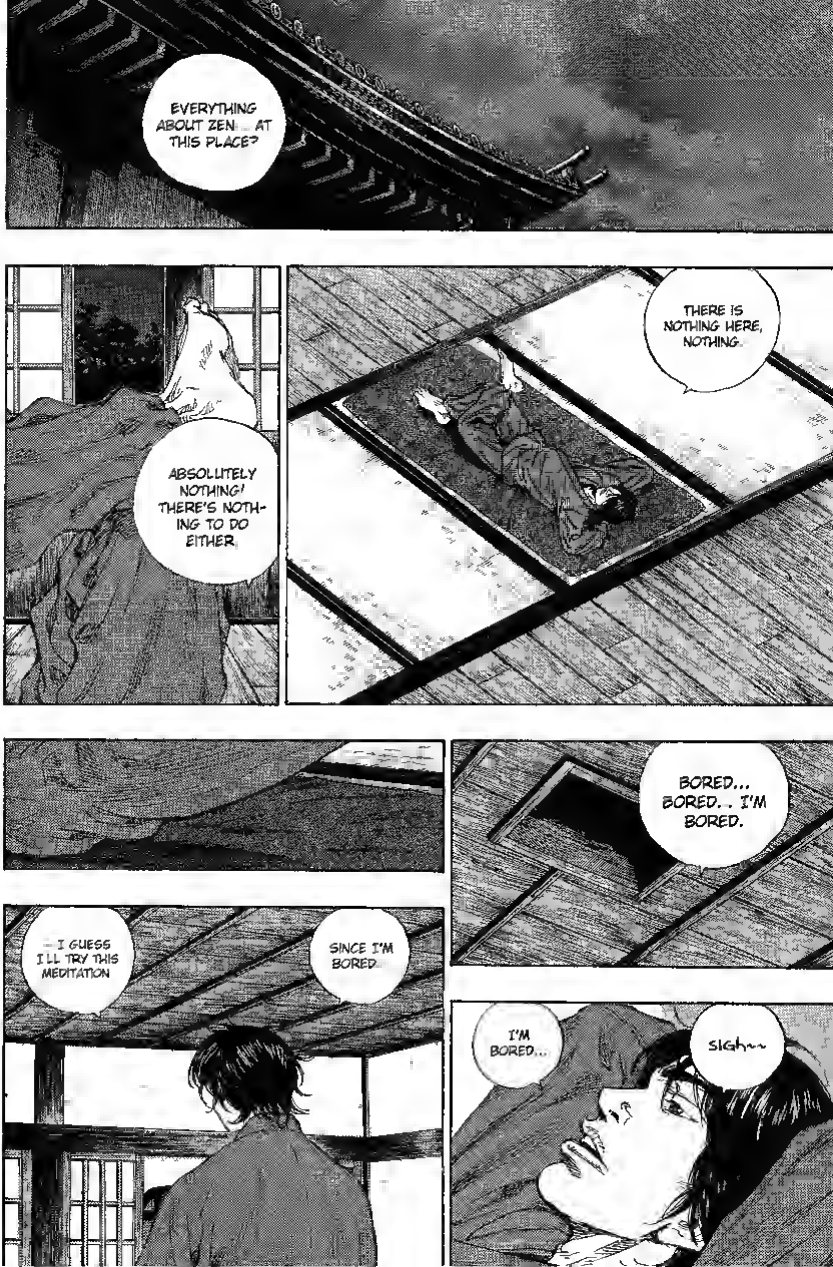
WHEN EVENING COMES, WE READ SCRIPTURE AND START MEDITATING AGAIN

WE ALSO TRY TO TRANSCRIBE THE CATECHISM GIVEN BY OUR GREAT TEACHER
IT'S A METHOD OF QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES THAT HELPS US ATTAIN SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT.


IF WE'RE SLACKING OFF EVEN A BIT, WE'RE PUNISHED WITH A STRIKE FROM A LIGHT ROD.

AFTER THE LIGHTS GO OFF, WE GO FOR NIGHT TIME MEDITATION, MEDITATING OUTDOORS

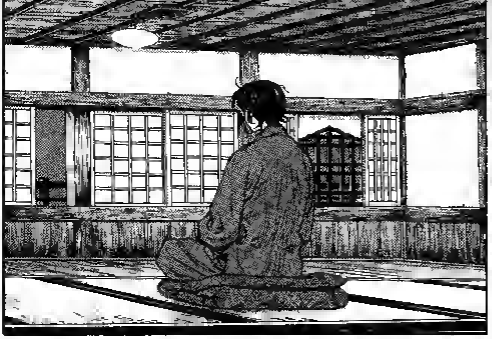
AS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAS SET THIS PLACE AS MY GOAL, I CANNOT STAND YOU.
EVEN AFTER YOU DO ALL THIS FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS,
IT'S HARD TO ATTAIN SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT. THAT'S WHAT ZEN IS
SO I WON'T LET YOU LEAVE HERE WITHOUT SEEING IT FOR MYSELF!
HOWEVER, SINCE OUR GREAT TEACHER IS THE ONE WHO DECIDED ON THIS, MAYBE YOU DO POSSESS SOMETHING.
HMPH!

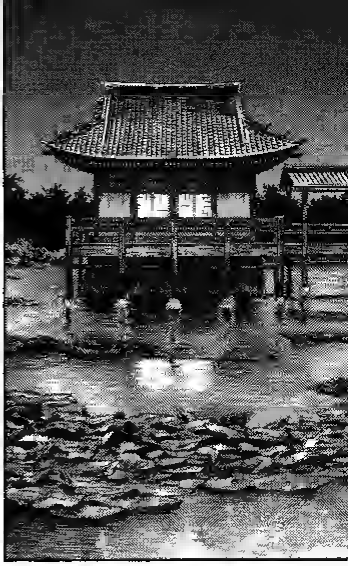

EVERYTHING ABOUT ZEN... AT THIS PLACE?
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! THERE'S NOTHING TO DO EITHER.
THERE IS NOTHING HERE, NOTHING.
BORED... BORED.. I'M BORED.
— I GUESS I'LL TRY THIS MEDITATION
SINCE I'M BORED...
I'M BORED...
SIGHhhh

IS THIS RIGHT..?
UP I GO...
HMMM...

STRAIGHTEN MY BACK AND TUCK MY CHIN... SLIGHTLY CLOSE MY EYES...

AS SLOW AS I CAN MAKE IT... CONCENTRATE ON MY BREATHING...
BREATHE IN AND OUT AS MY LOWER ABDOMEN INFLATES...





THERE'S NO CHANGE...
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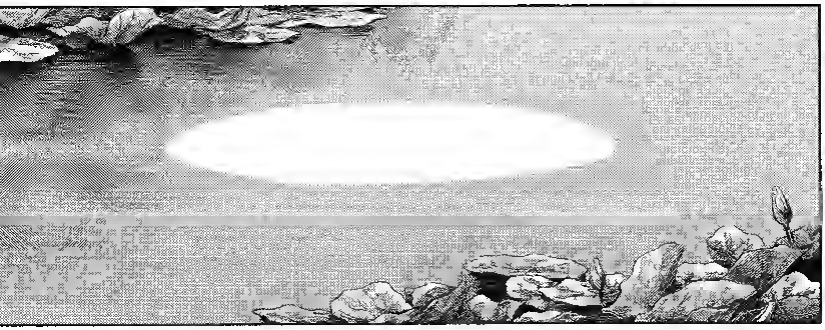
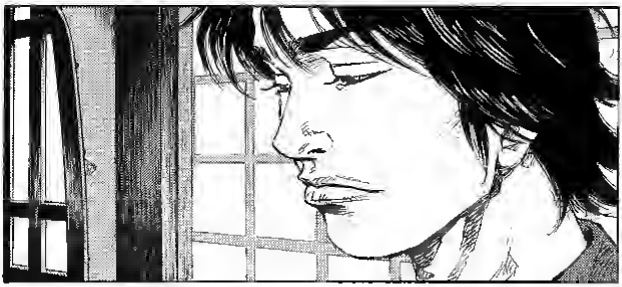


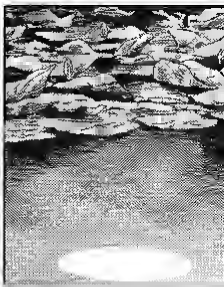
SOMETHING ABOUT HIM SEEMS DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY...
IT'S WEIRD
?

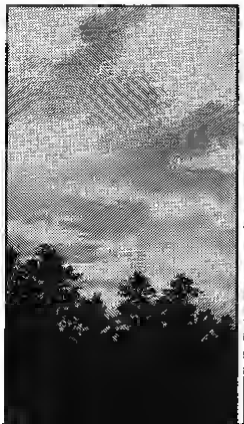
LIKE... I'VE DISAP-PEARED...
HUH ? I FEEL SO COMFORTABLE RIGHT NOW...
YE-AH, THIS FEELING... IT'S THE SAME SENSATION...

...AS WHEN I DIVE INTO THE OCEAN...!

SO TOMORROW WILL BE YOUR LAST DAY.
KID, WHAT HAVE YOU GAINED FROM THIS?
BUT THAT'S LIKE ATTAINING THE STAGE OF ZEN'S GONG AND THAT JUST CAN'T BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU
DON'T LIE I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT FROM.
IT'S THE TRUTH! I HEARD MANY DIFFERENT SOUNDS...
HAVE YOU GAINED EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF ENLIGHTENMENT ?
WHILE I WAS MEDITATING IT SURPRISED ME WHEN I HEARD THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ANTS
NOT AT ALL, BUT...
HE REALLY DID IT...?
THIS KID... COULD IT BE...
I WAS ABLE TO HEAR YOUR HEARTBEATS TOO.

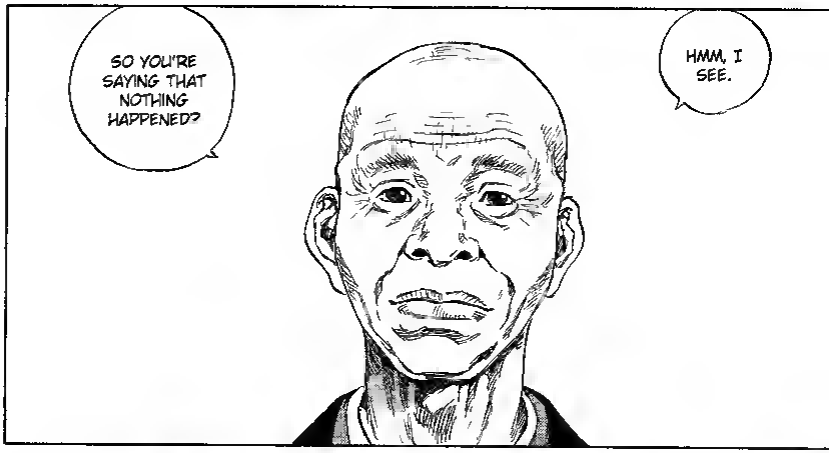




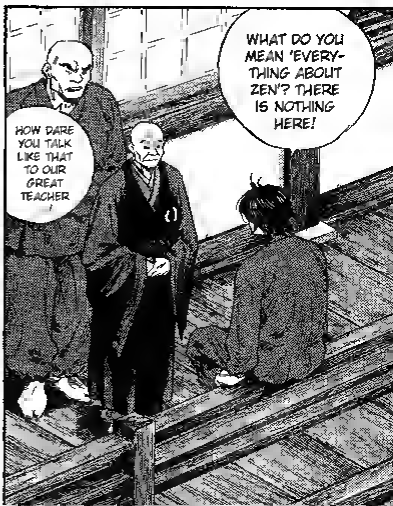


LOG 24- END

LOG 25 : CIRCLE


SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT NOTHING HAPPENED?
HMM, I SEE.

THEY'RE JUST NORMAL THINGS.
I SAW BUGS, FLOWERS BLOSSOMING, AND THE WATER REFLECTING THE MOON.


HOW DARE YOU TALK LIKE THAT TO OUR GREAT TEACHER!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'EVERYTHING ABOUT ZEN'? THERE IS NOTHING HERE!

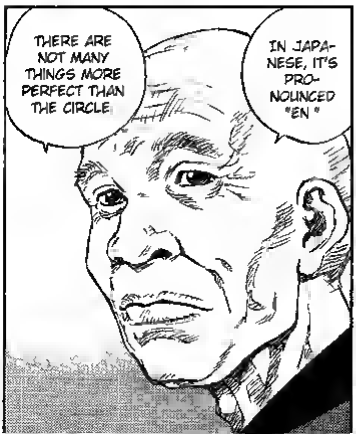
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.

ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME DO ANOTHER THING?!
I WON'T DO IT!!
DON'T WORRY, THIS IS REALLY SIMPLE.
...NOW, HE IS READY TO DO CALLI-GRAPHY.
HE SHOULD BE KICKED OUT RIGHT THIS MINUTE!
CALLI-GRAPHY?
!
USING THESE MA-TERIALS..
YOU SHOULD SIT NOW.
WE'LL JUST DRAW ON THIS PAPER.
DON'T KNOW ANY CHARAC-TERS..
I...

THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT
...GANKEI, SHOW HIM

...A CIRCLE?
IS THERE SOMETHING SPECIAL INSIDE IT?

蔵人

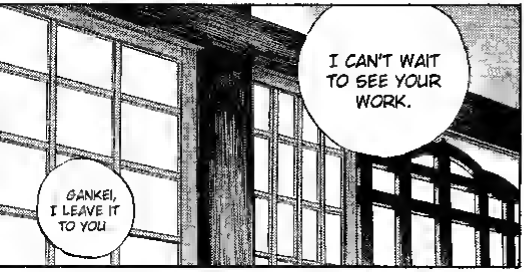

IN JAPANESE, IT'S PRONOUNCED "EN"
THERE ARE NOT MANY THINGS MORE PERFECT THAN THE CIRCLE

WHAT'S...
SO GREAT ABOUT IT?

I REQUESTED THAT CLAUDE LEAVE THIS AT THE TEMPLE.

COULD YOU DRAW THIS TOO?

CLAUDE DID THIS...?!
!!


I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR WORK.
GANKEI, I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

IF I DO THIS, YOU WON'T MAKE ME DO ANY MORE STUFF?
OF COURSE IT'S SO SIMPLE

...AND ARRANGE THE BRUSH NEATLY LIKE THIS

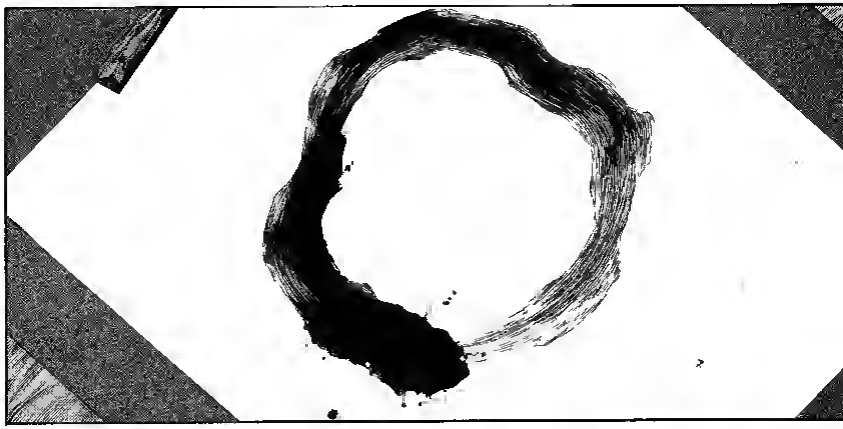
RUB THE INK STICK ON THE STONE...

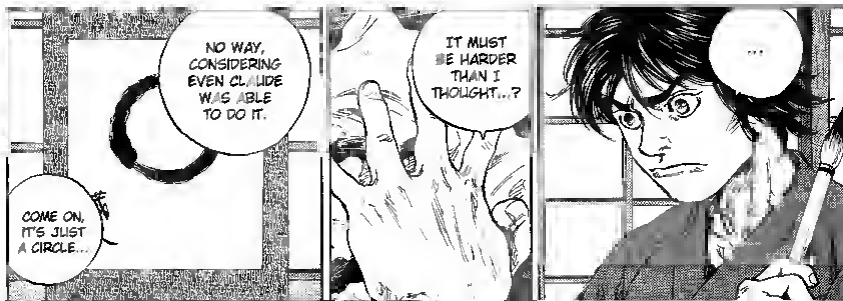
...

CONCEN-
TRATE AND
DRAW IT IN
ONE
BREATH!
TAC
!
WOW, YOU
CAN'T DRAW
AT ALL~~
I'M TRYING TO
SHOW YOU HOW
IT'S DONE, SO
STOP TALKING
LIKE THAT!
...
GANKEI,
COULD IT
BE THAT
YOU LACK
TRAINING?

AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MONK
AH, HE SURE IS IMPA-TIENT...
YOU'RE SO FRIVO-LOUS
I DON'T CARE NOW! DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT
PFF
OKAY, LET'S DRAW A CIRCLE
SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS REALLY EASY...
FSSSS

PUSS
PUSS




NO WAY, CONSIDERING EVEN CLAUDE WAS ABLE TO DO IT.
COME ON, IT'S JUST A CIRCLE...
IT MUST BE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT...?
...

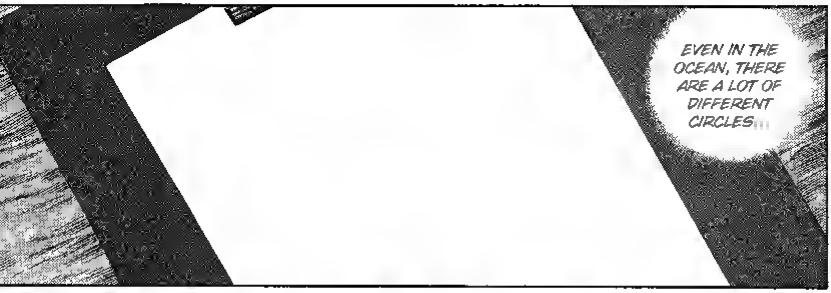
PLSSS
PLSH
SLAP
DAMN IT!
ARGHH!!
FSS
PLSS
HEH HEH

I DREW THAT MUCH TO GET USED TO THE BRUSH
NOW, I'M READY TO START.
YOU RAN OUT OF PAPER QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT.
I'M A BIT LATE.
PFF!
HEH, IS THAT SO.
THERE'S SOMETHING WRITTEN ON THE CORNER OF THAT PAPER
AH, GANKEI, WHAT'S THAT?
?
蔵人
蔵人

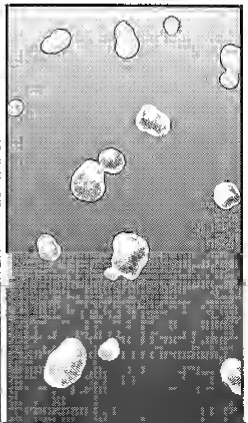
蔵人
IT MEANS HE'S APPROVED THAT CALLIGRAPHY.
THE TEACHER CHOSE THESE CHARACTERS...
HMM.
YOU READ THAT AS 'CLAUDE.'
HUH?
SINCE SOMEONE WHO DREW A CIRCLE THIS PERFECT SAID THAT...
HE'S PROBABLY RIGHT...
AND WHAT YOU LEARN FROM THE OCEAN ARE THE SAME.
ACCORDING TO MR. CLAUDE, WHAT YOU LEARN FROM ZEN...
HMPH
WE HAVE A LOT OF PAPER, BUT DON'T WASTE TOO MUCH
I'M DONE TALKING.
TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE SPIRIT OF ZEN... IT'S A GREAT THING.
NOT THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU'LL EVER UNDERSTAND IT.
ZEN AND THE OCEAN... EVEN I WAS THINKING THAT.
蔵人

AH... I WANT TO DIVE INTO IT NOW...

WHEN I'M MEDITATING, IT FEELS LIKE I'M IN THE OCEAN AGAIN


EVEN IN THE OCEAN, THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT CIRCLES...

THOSE THAT ARE SMALL...



...AND ONE THAT'S VERY BIG!

OOOHH...
WILL YOU WRITE MY NAME FOR ME?
WATCH HOW YOU TALK! DON'T BE RUDE!
?
...
HOW IS IT?
HEHE
ALRIGHT.
HUHU..
WRITE IT HERE WITH ALL THOSE HARD CHARACTERS.
WRITE ME A REALLY GOOD ONE!

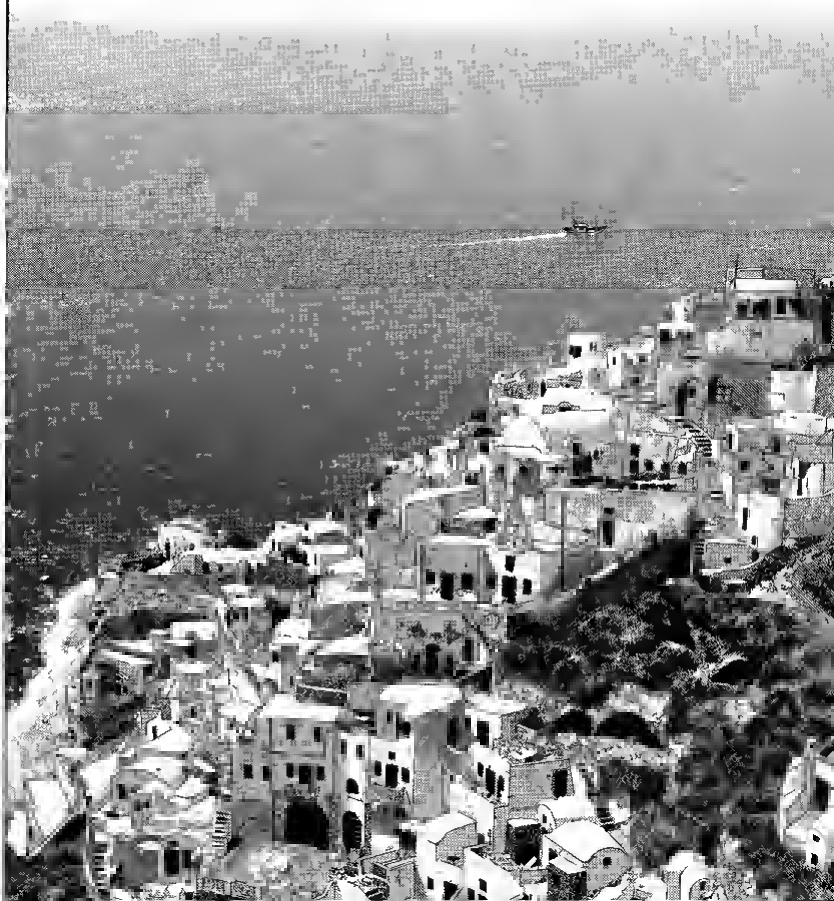
SO THIS IS MY NAME!
IT'S THE COLOR OF THE DEEP PART OF THE OCEAN.
HOW ABOUT THIS?
CISSE... HMM...
MMM...

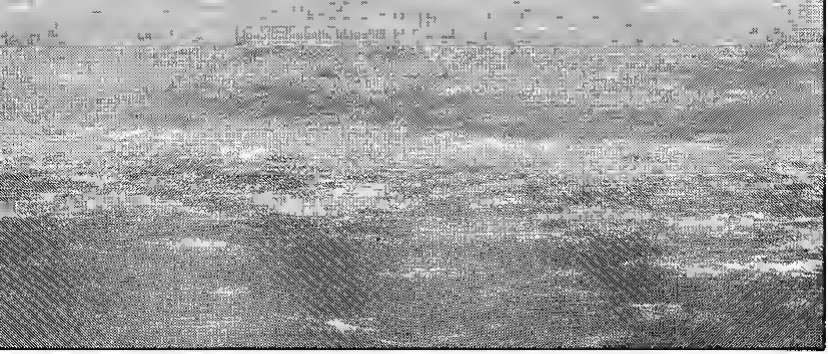
紫青

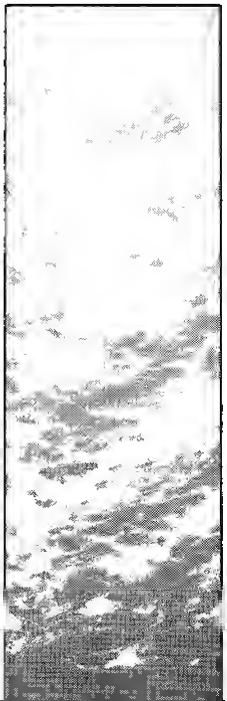
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY.
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING!
WHAT?
OH YEAH, GANKE!
...
LET'S GET BACK TO THE OCEAN!!
NO MORE MOUNTAINS FROM NOW ON!
LOG 25 - END

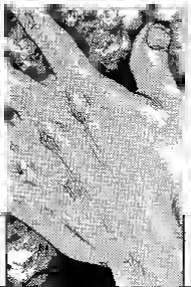
LOG 26 : PETIT

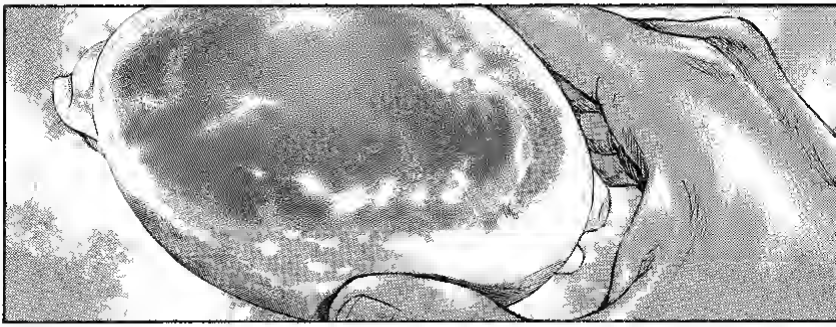
I OWE ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING TO THE SEA.

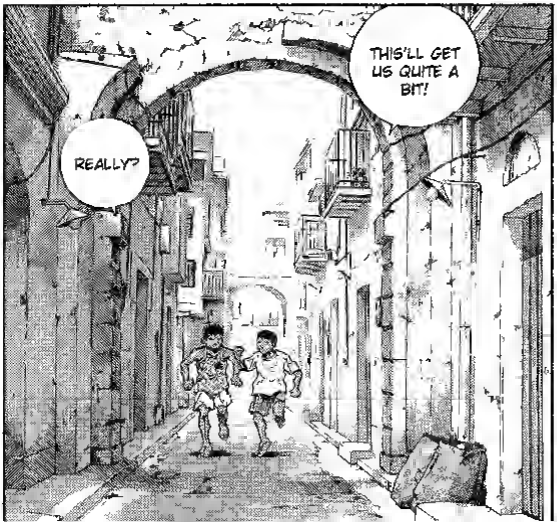










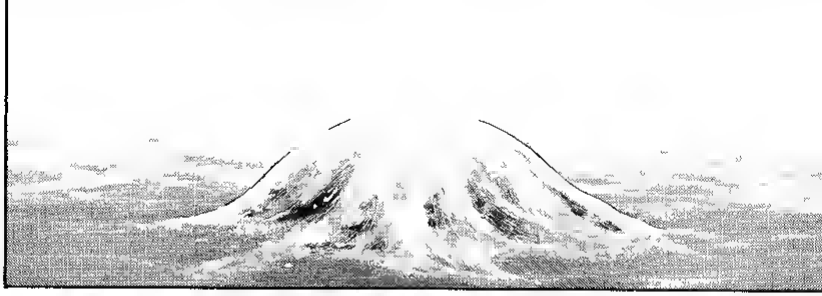

THIS'LL GET US QUITE A BIT!
REALLY?

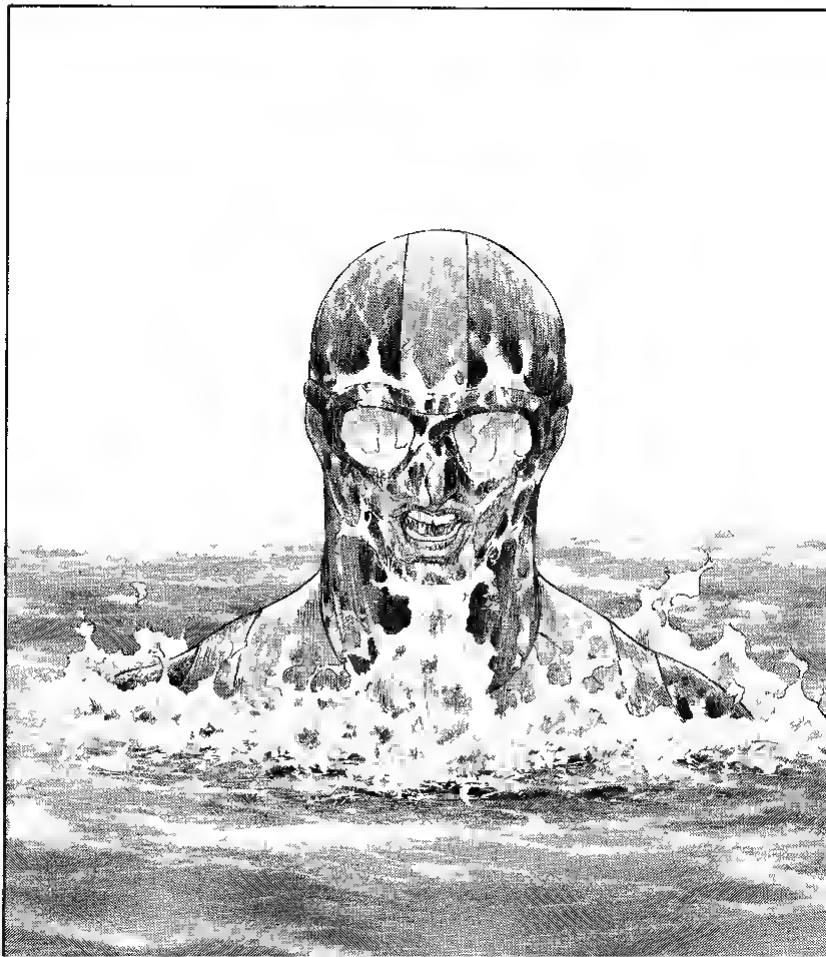
PETIT, I'M GLAD WE'RE DOING THIS TOGETHER.

NOBODY ELSE HAS A BIG ONE LIKE THIS.
IF YOU DON'T GIVE US MUCH, WE'LL DO BUSINESS ELSEWHERE!
OHO, THIS IS GREAT...!
A SPLENDID SHELL FROM THE SOUTH SEA.
HEY, PETIT
MERCI!
HOW'S THIS MUCH...?
HOW'S YOUR MOTHER THESE DAYS?
HEHE!
YES, HE COULD BE RIGHT.
HMM...
THANKS TO ME.
SHE'S FINE!

I HAVE TO COUNT ON YOU BECAUSE MY HEALTH ISN'T GOOD, BUT... WHERE DID THIS MONEY COME FROM?
PETIT, ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?
YOU KNOW, THE OCEAN IS REALLY GEN-EROUS.
YOU MEAN DIVING?
MY FRIEND FOUND ME A GOOD JOB
I EARNED IT!

THE OCEAN DOESN'T JUST BELONG TO YOU, NOW DOES IT?
PETIT, HAND OVER OUR SHARE TOO.





Petit
-90m

magazine mensuel
Plongeur Profon
Deep
-90m!!!!!
Le mons
Nouveau
HAVING STARTED JUST EARNING MY ALLOWANCE, I'VE BARELY MANAGED TO REACH THIS PLACE.
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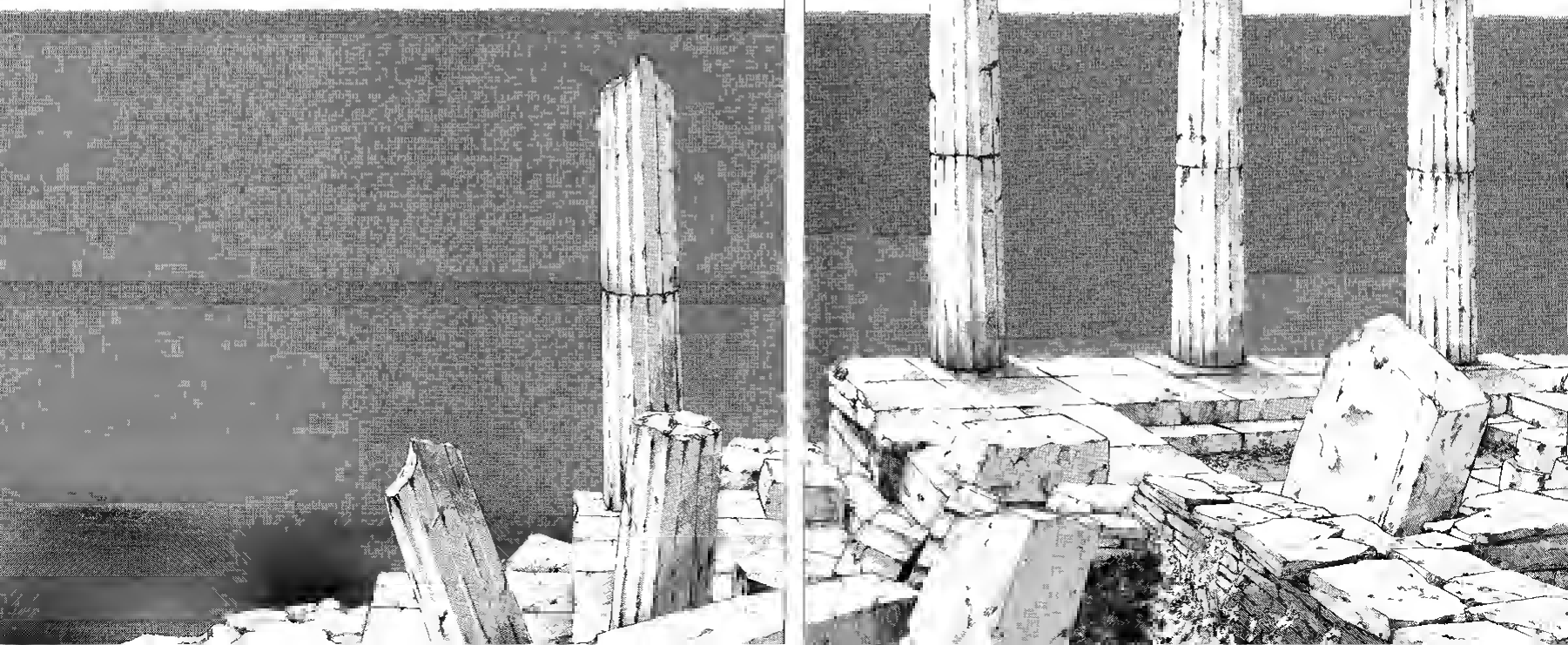
STATUS, REPUTATION, AND SOME EXTRAVAGANCE...

I OWE ABSOLUTELY
EVERYTHING TO THE SEA.

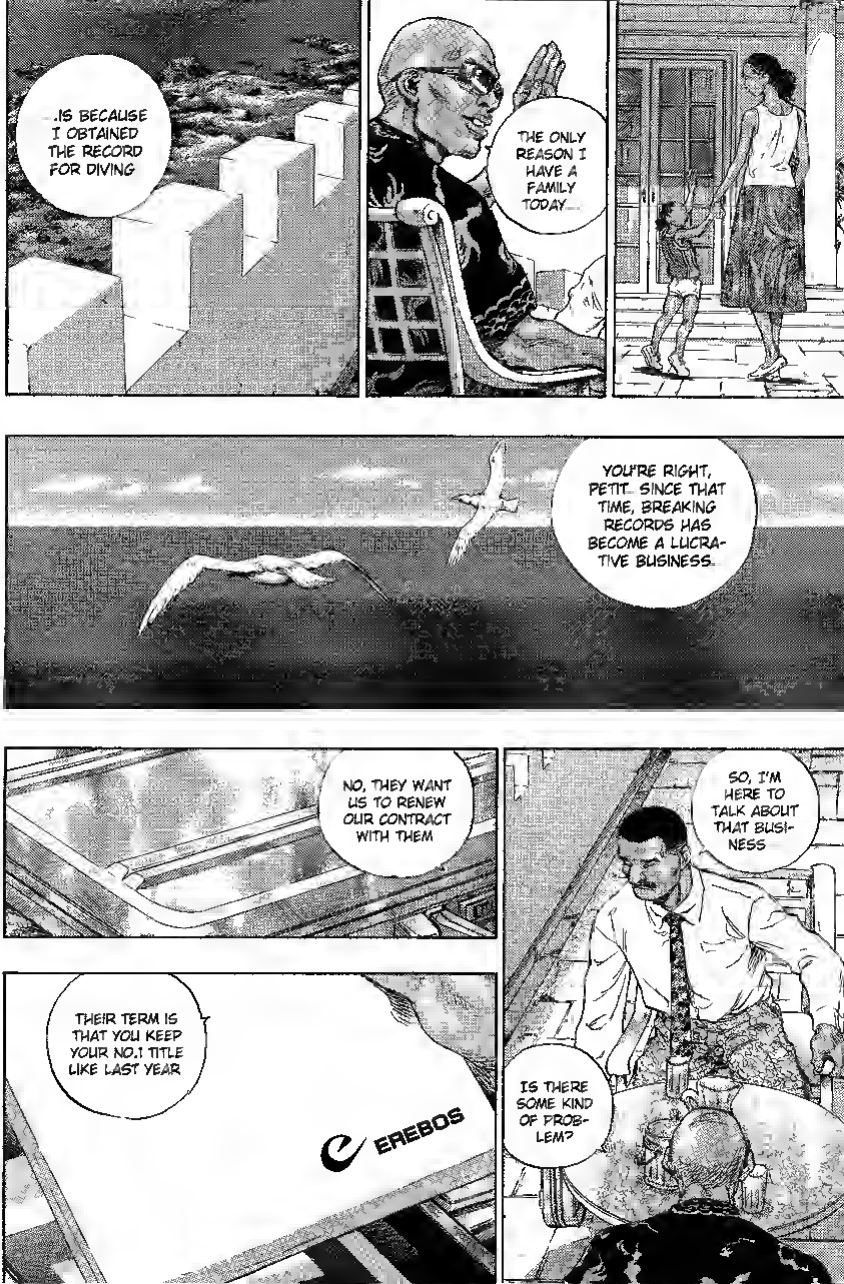


HAHAHA! YOU'RE RIGHT, WE DID EARN QUITE A BIT WITH THAT CLAM.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO HAVING A GOOD FRIEND. DASLA, I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR YOU

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT WE'D BUY A HOUSE
YOU DOVE IN AND I BARGAINED. IT HASN'T CHANGED EVEN A BIT SINCE THEN

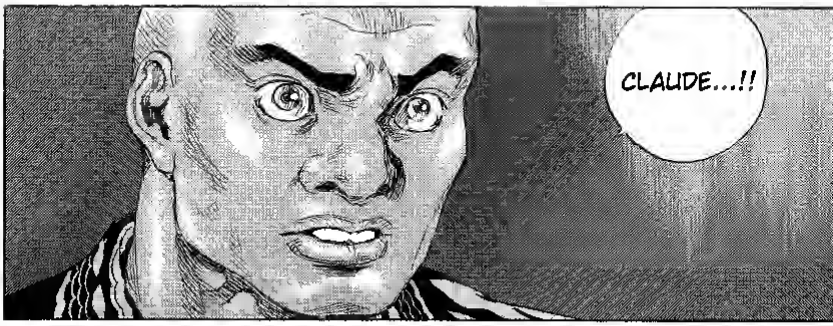
BUT TO BE HONEST, THIS HOUSE ISN'T THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
JULIE, COME HERE.
DAD!
YES, MY TREASURE.
THE THING THAT COUNTS THE MOST.
I KNOW.
I WANNA PLAY WITH DADDY~~
YOU SHOULDN'T BOTHER YOUR DAD!
JULIE!


...IS BECAUSE I OBTAINED THE RECORD FOR DIVING
THE ONLY REASON I HAVE A FAMILY TODAY...
YOU'RE RIGHT, PETIT... SINCE THAT TIME, BREAKING RECORDS HAS BECOME A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS.
NO, THEY WANT US TO RENEW OUR CONTRACT WITH THEM
SO, I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THAT BUSINESS
THEIR TERM IS THAT YOU KEEP YOUR NO.1 TITLE LIKE LAST YEAR
EREBOS
IS THERE SOME KIND OF PROBLEM?

HUH, IS THAT SO?
IN ADDITION, THEY'RE WORKING ON LAUNCHING A NEW BRAND LINE UNDER YOUR NAME
A CONTRACT WITH EREBOS- THE BEST SPORTS EQUIPMENT MAKERS IN THE WORLD
COUNTING ON THE COMING OLYMPICS COMPETITION...
EREBOS
THEY'LL DEVELOP THE "PETIT" BRAND!
Petit

?
YOUR YEARLY SALARY WILL BE OVER TEN MILLION DOLLARS
LOOK AT THIS...
THE ONLY THING THAT BOTHERS ME IS...
IN JAPAN?
THAT'S AN ARTICLE ABOUT A OFFICIAL COMPETITION THAT W.S HELD IN JAPAN...
WHAT...?
HMM... A JAPANESE TIED MY RECORD
HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE!
NEGISHI RYUZO...
STATIC 6 MINUTES 40 SECONDS, CONSTANT 90M!

THAT'S A GREAT RECORD TO DEBUT WITH.
PETIT, THAT'S THE THING THAT'S BOTHERING ME!
NEWCO
CISSE FIRST TIME PARTICIPATING IN AN OFFICIAL COMPETITION
AND HE DOVE 90 METERS?!
Cisse
WHO IS IT?
THERE'S ANOTHER THING- WHO DO YOU THINK TRAINED THIS DIVER?
EREBOS HAS A LOT OF INTEREST IN THIS DIVER! EVEN IN BUSINESS, HE'LL END UP AS YOUR RIVAL.
THE "MASTER"!


CLAUDE...!!

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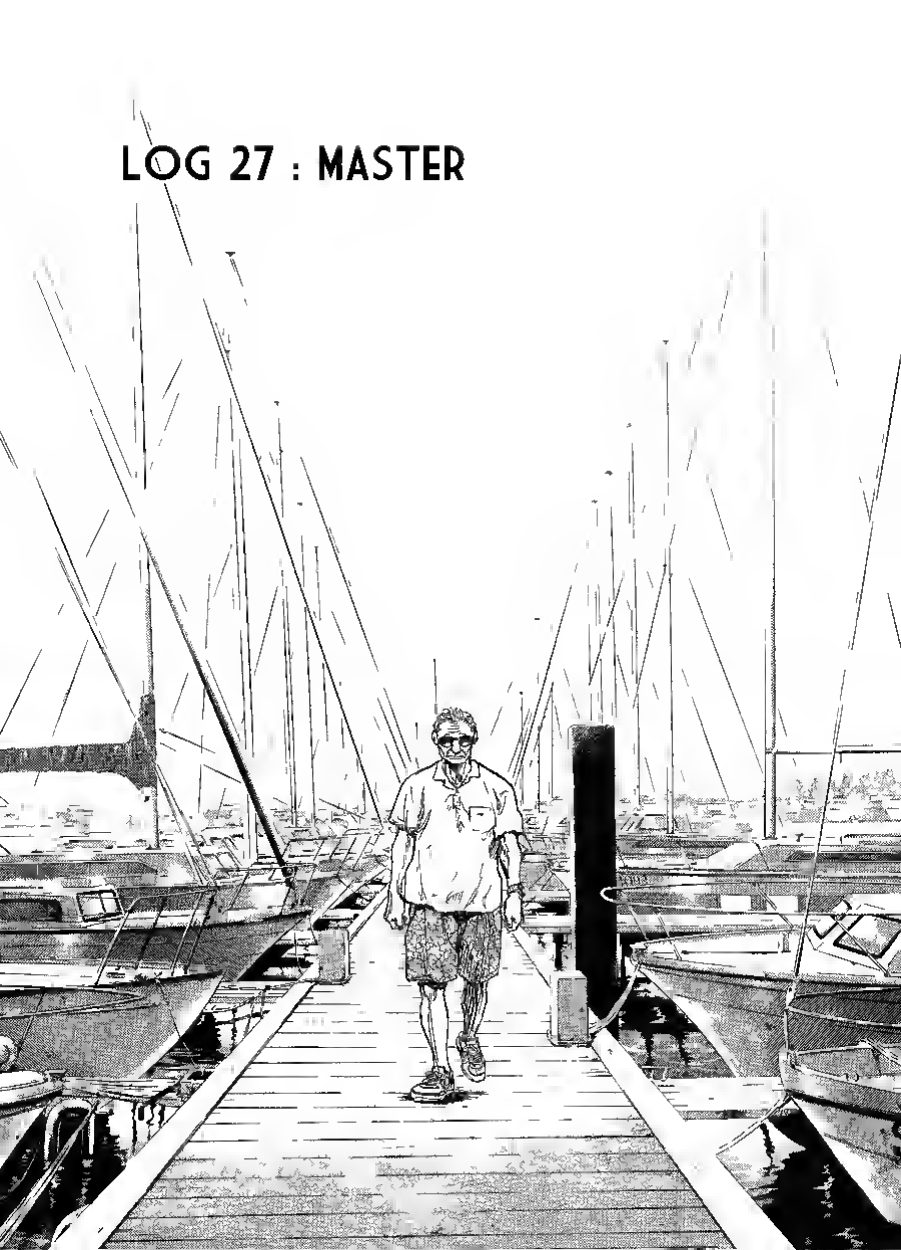
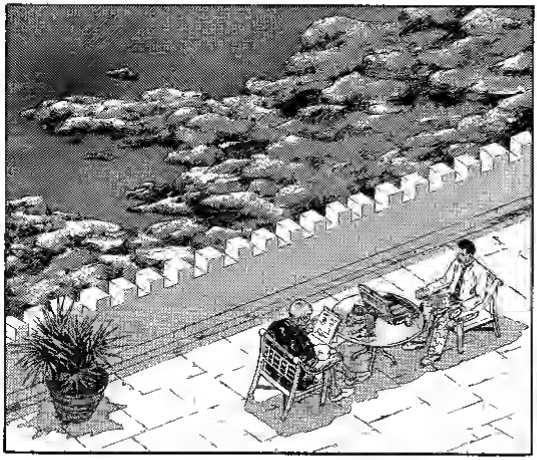
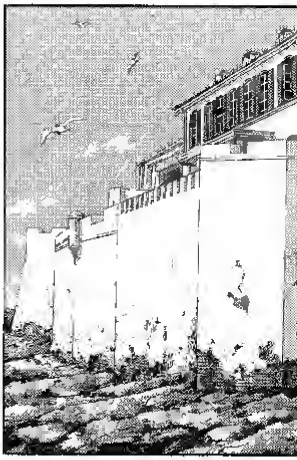
LOG 27 : MASTER





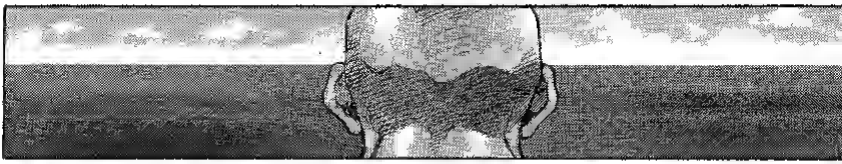


I SEE, SO MASTER CLAUDE...

A NEW DIVER NAMED... CISSE?
IS TRAINING THIS BOY...

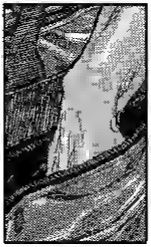
HAHAHA
HAHA
HA
HE'S MAKING ME LAUGH SO HARD
HAHA, HE SURE IS A PIECE OF WORK
PETIT...?
STILL A FOOLISH GUY
HE'S STILL THE SAME
THERE WERE RUMORS THAT HE KILLED HIMSELF...

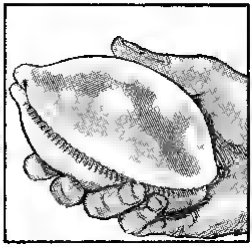
MASTER, ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN?



THE SAME MISTAKE AS THAT TIME...

CLAUDE DIVING SC

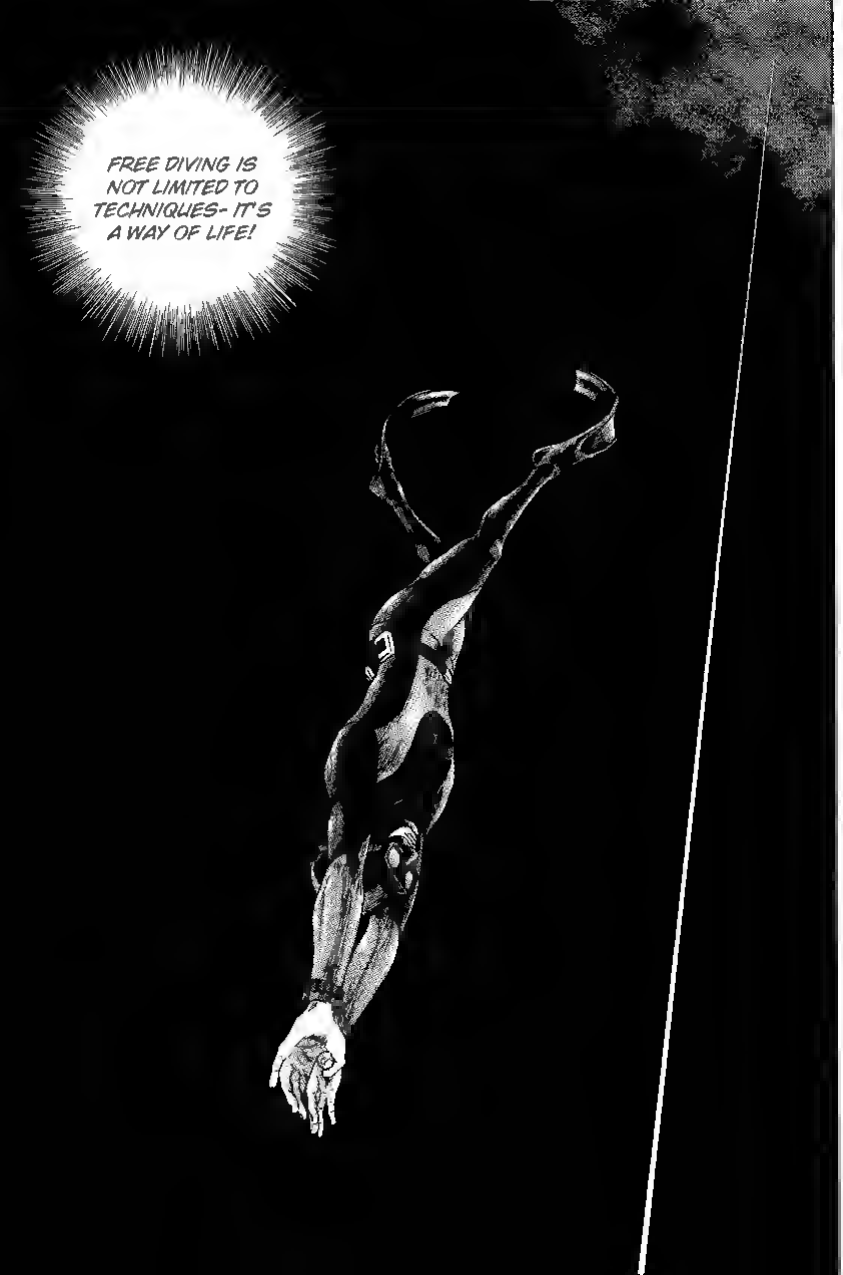




PETIT, YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
LEAVING THIS PLACE...?

WE'VE HAD FUN TRAINING SO FAR.
WHAT, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I CAN'T STAY BY YOUR SIDE.
NOPE, I DON'T THINK SO!
YOU'RE STILL FAR FROM PERFECT...
YOU'VE STILL GOT LOTS LEFT TO LEARN.
I LEFT MY FAMILY AND SPENT SIX YEARS WITH YOU HERE.
I'VE BEEN TRAINING LIKE MAD TO ABSORB YOUR TECHNIQUES.
HOWEVER, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LEFT FOR ME TO LEARN.

YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS.
FREE DIVING ISN'T ALL ABOUT TECHNIQUE!
TECHNIQUE? DON'T TALK NONSENSE!
THAT'S BECAUSE WE CAN ACTUALLY FEEL THAT WE'VE BECOME PART OF NATURE BY BECOMING ONE WITH THE OCEAN
DON'T YOU KNOW WHY WE RISK OUR LIVES DIVING?


FREE DIVING IS NOT LIMITED TO TECHNIQUES- IT'S A WAY OF LIFE!

IF WE BECOME DEEPLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE NATURE, WE CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE OF THE EARTH.
WE CAN SAVE THIS PLANET, WHICH IS SICK AND SLOWLY PERISHING.

I WANT TO MAKE YOU MY SUCCES-SOR...
PETIT, I'VE TOLD YOU THIS SEVERAL TIMES
WAHAHAHA
HEHE...
FEEL BETTER? WHAT ARE YOU...
SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT IT JUST MADE ME FEEL SO MUCH BETTER.
I'VE FINALLY LAUGHED OUT LOUD IN FRONT OF YOU.

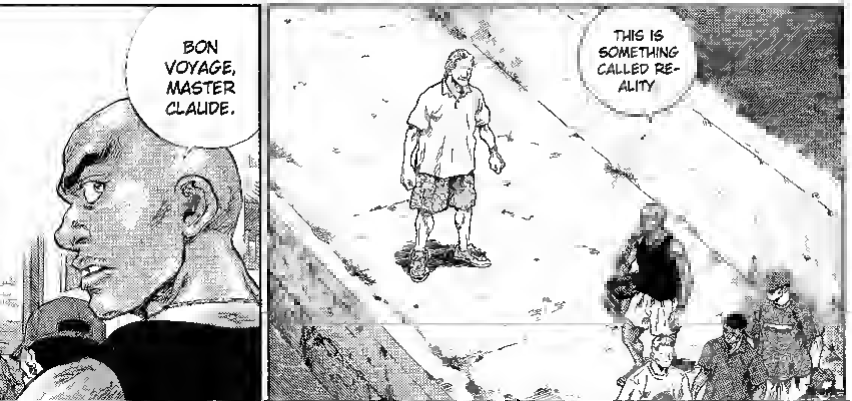
BUT IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE GOTTEN TIRED OF IT AND OF LAUGHING AT YOU BEHIND YOUR BACK.
THAT DELUSION OF YOURS... I ONCE RESPECTED YOU THINKING IT WAS A GREAT IDEAL!
WHAT, YOU CALL IT A DELUSION?
YOU EVEN TOOK OFF WITH THIS DIVING CENTER'S INCOME.
EVERYONE CALLED YOU THE LEGENDARY FREE DIVER AND YOU LET IT GET TO YOUR HEAD!
I STAYED HERE EVEN IF I DIDN'T GET PAID AND EVEN IF I WAS IN DEBT SO THAT I COULD LEARN THE TECHNIQUES.
YOU TURNED TO DOLPHIN RESEARCH AND EXCAVATION OF RUINS. YOU ALWAYS DO EVERYTHING THE WAY YOU PLEASE.
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I ENDURED UNTIL TODAY.

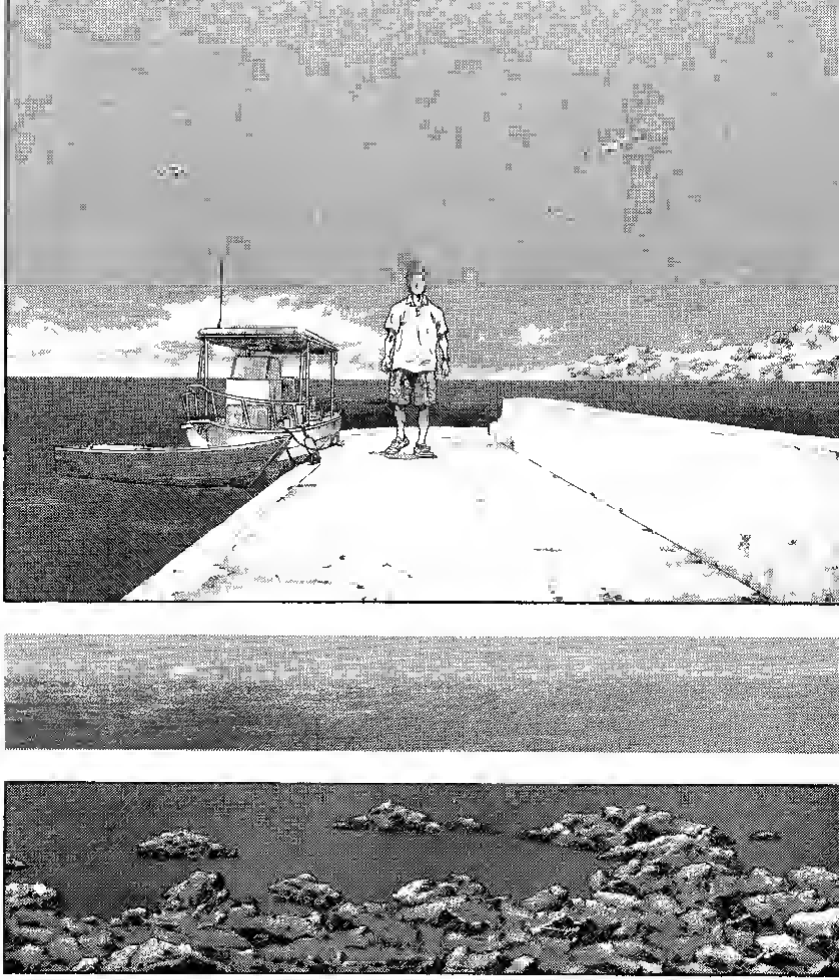
YOU CAN'T STAND AT THE TOP WITH TECHNIQUES ALONE. AS A PROOF OF THAT,
YOU CAN'T YET DIVE DEEPER THAN ME.
PETIT... YOU...
I HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU. IN EXCHANGE...
WORKING FOR FREE FOR SIX YEARS SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
WHAT?!
YOU DON'T KNOW REALITY BECAUSE YOU ONLY DREAM.
HEHEHE...
!!
I'VE SUCCEEDED AT A DEPTH OF 85M! I'VE ALREADY BROKEN YOUR WORLD RECORD!!
I'VE SUCCEEDED MULTIPLE TIMES, WITH THE TECHNIQUES!
IT WASN'T JUST CHANCE.

THE DEPTHS THAT ARE OUT OF YOUR REACH HAVE BECOME A REALITY FOR ME.
MASTER CLAUDE. YOU'RE ALREADY A PERSON OF THE PAST.

YOU CAN'T DO DANGEROUS TRAINING LIKE THAT BY YOURSELF.
PETIT, STOP JOKING.
!
OF COURSE NOT. NOT WITHOUT MY TEAM.

YOU'RE ALL GOING TO LEAVE ME?!
AXEL, MARK, EVEN JULIE...!

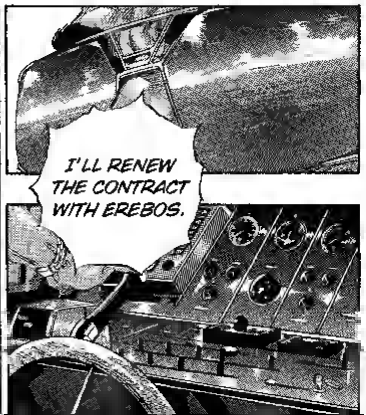

BON VOYAGE, MASTER CLAUDE.
THIS IS SOMETHING CALLED RE-ALITY


I, HIS BEST STUDENT, HAD DRIVEN HIM OUT.
AFTER THAT, HIS WHEREABOUTS BECAME UNKNOWN.

DASLA, COME WITH ME!
WHAT, WHERE?!
WE WERE RIGHT... THE PRESENT TIMES CONFIRM THAT!
DO YOU FEEL GUILTY ABOUT IT...?
THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO NOT GET BEATEN BY THIS COMPETITOR.

Chapter 14

*A DIVER, FOR PERSONAL GAIN, TRIES TO BEAT AN OFFICIAL RECORD AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING FROM JUDGING TO SAFETY MEASURES.



WHO SHOULD I INVITE..?
INVITE SOME GUESTS TO OUR MAGNIFICENT EVENT!

THE OLD MASTER AND HIS BOY!
HAAAA!
HAAAA!

HA HA HA HA!!
I'LL SHOW THEM WE'RE OF A DIFFER-ENT SORT!
LOG 27- END

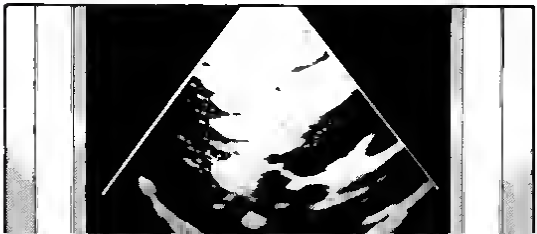
LOG㉘ FATHER

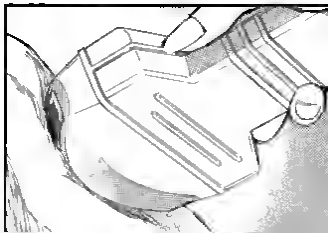
I JUST GOT BACK, AND I HAVE TO UNDERGO ANOTHER EXAMINA-TION!?
I HATE THESE KINDS OF THINGS!

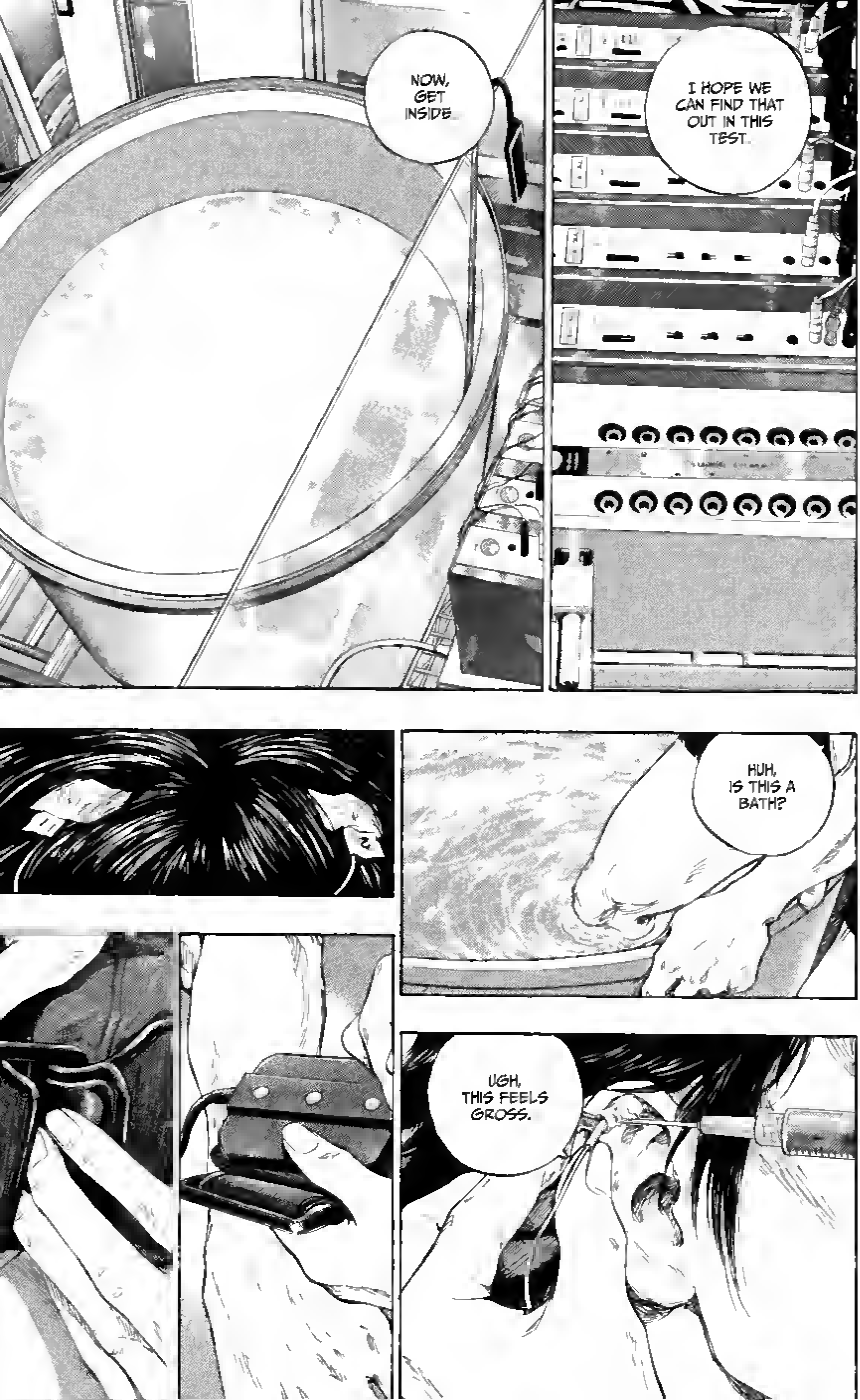
AS LONG AS YOU GET THIS DONE, YOU CAN DIVE.
JUST ENDURE IT, CISSE!

YOU'RE TOO PER-SISTENT, HARUKA!
I NEED TO SEE YOUR SPLEEN!

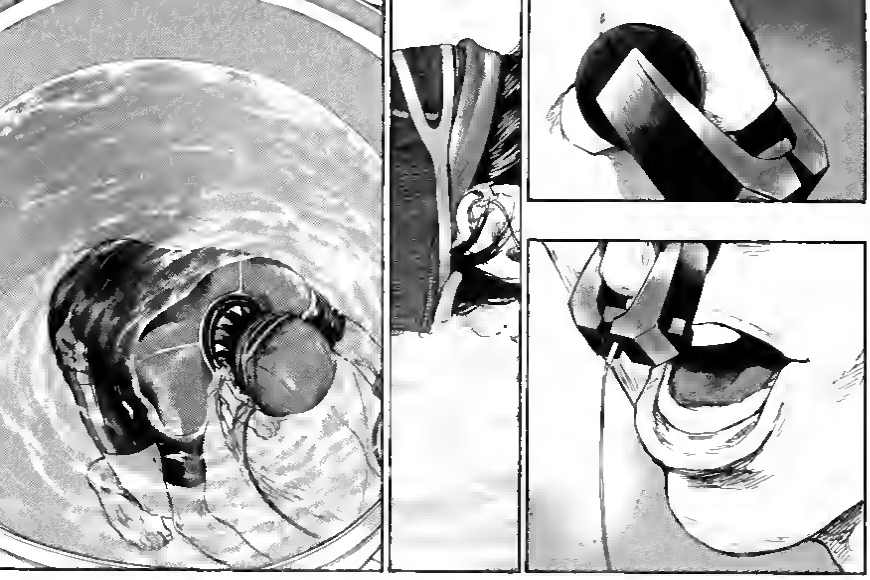
—TSK, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME!

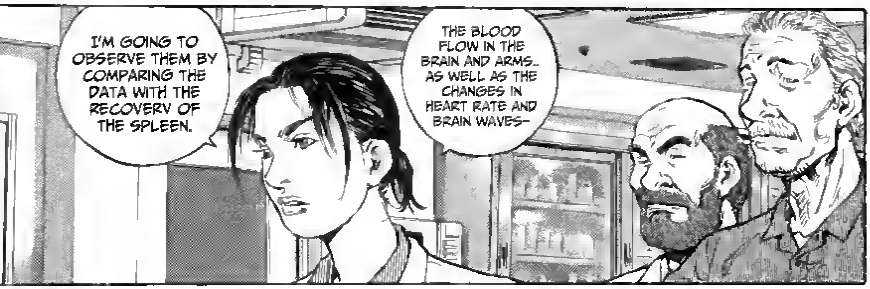


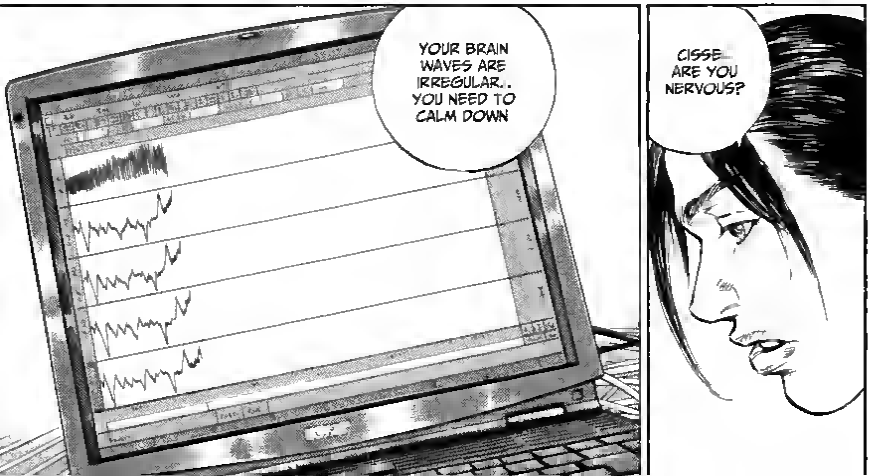


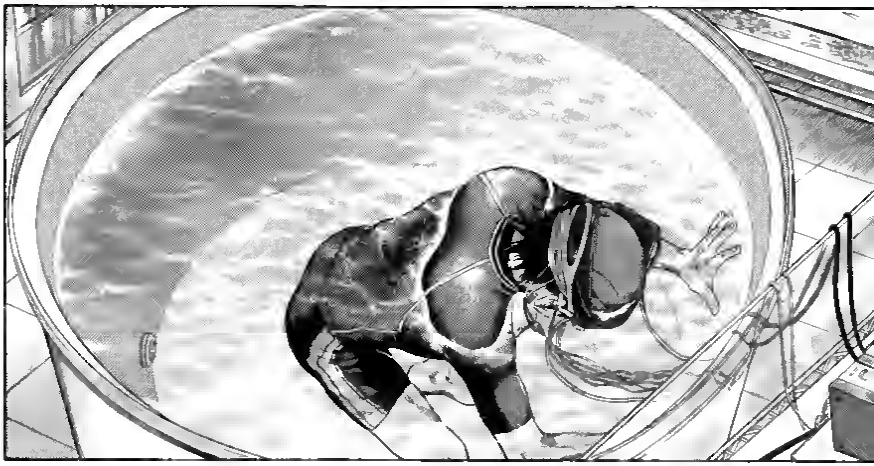

NOW, GET INSIDE.
I HOPE WE CAN FIND THAT OUT IN THIS TEST.
HUH, IS THIS A BATH?
UGH, THIS FEELS GROSS.

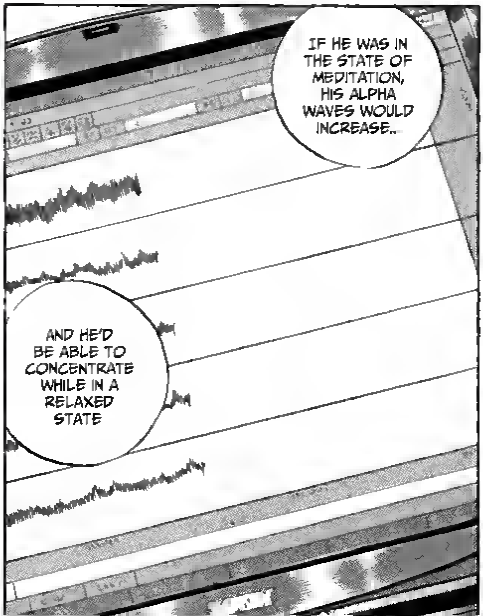
.....
I WILL DEFINITELY KNOW FROM THE RESULTS.
CLAUDE SAYS IT'S THE RESULT OF THE ZEN TRAINING, BUT..
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY MENTAL IMPAIRMENT.
LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH
WHAT-EVER




I'M GOING TO OBSERVE THEM BY COMPARING THE DATA WITH THE RECOVERY OF THE SPLEEN.
THE BLOOD FLOW IN THE BRAIN AND ARMS.. AS WELL AS THE CHANGES IN HEART RATE AND BRAIN WAVES-


YOUR BRAIN WAVES ARE IRREGULAR.. YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN
CISSE... ARE YOU NERVOUS?

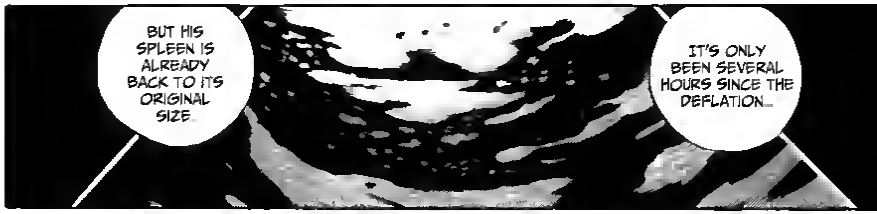



IF HE WAS IN THE STATE OF MEDITATION, HIS ALPHA WAVES WOULD INCREASE..
AND HE'D BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE WHILE IN A RELAXED STATE

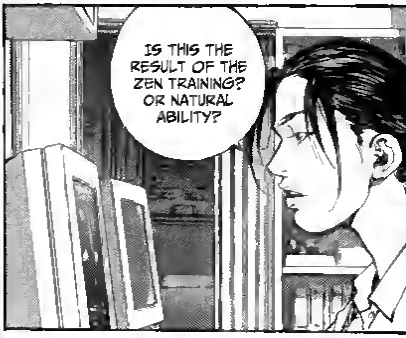
IT'S BETTER NOW BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME SPIKES

I CAN'T CONCENTRATE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
BUT YOU'RE USED TO THE BATH NOW, RIGHT?
CAN YOU DO IT ONCE MORE? IF ALL GOES WELL, WE CAN FINISH THIS.

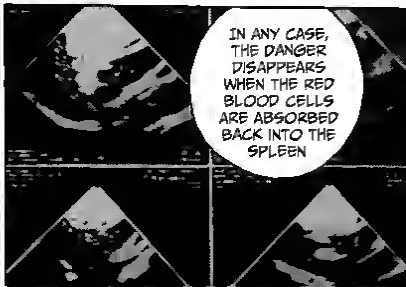
CISSE ALWAYS AMAZES ME.

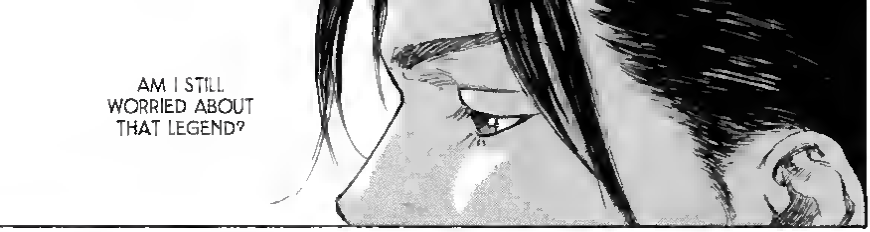

BUT HIS SPLEEN IS ALREADY BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL SIZE
IT'S ONLY BEEN SEVERAL HOURS SINCE THE DEFLATION...

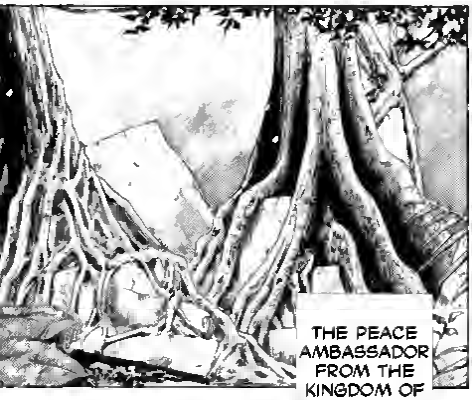
WOW. EVERYTHING IS FINE.


IS THIS THE RESULT OF THE ZEN TRAINING? OR NATURAL ABILITY?

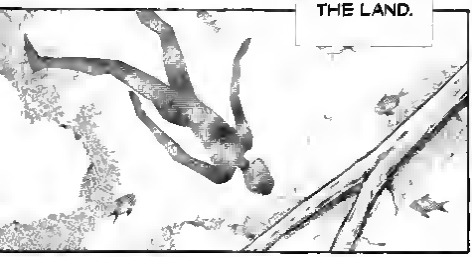
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT... TO LET CISSE DIVE?


IN ANY CASE, THE DANGER DISAPPEARS WHEN THE RED BLOOD CELLS ARE ABSORBED BACK INTO THE SPLEEN


AM I STILL WORRIED ABOUT THAT LEGEND?


THE PEACE AMBASSADOR FROM THE KINGDOM OF SEA CAME TO THE LAND.

LONG AGO, IN ORDER TO STOP THE WAR,



AND DISAP-PEARED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.
BUT HE WAS PIERCED BY THE KING OF LAND.

NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

NEVER CAME BACK.. HUH

BUT THE COAST GUARDS DIDN'T HAVE ANY RECORDS ABOUT A SHIPWRECK.
I WAS HOPING I COULD FIND SOMETHING ON CISSE'S PARENTS,
I CAME OUT HERE, BUT STILL NO ANSWERS.

THE ONLY THING I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT CISSE CAME FROM THE OCEAN.
...I WONDER IF I SHOULD THINK ABOUT THAT MORE SERIOUSLY.

AND YOU STILL WON'T GO TO A HOSPITAL?
YOU HAVE THE SYMP-TOMS OF LEUKEMIA.
.....
-COUGH!-
I MUST LEAVE NOW.
I SEE...
GO HOME.
-COUGH-
YOU'LL RECONSIDER GOING TO A HOSPITAL.
PLEASE PROMISE ME. IF YOU GET ANY WORSE,

YOU'RE A DOCTOR, RIGHT.?
JAPANESE GIRL..
CAN YOU LOOK AFTER MY SON CISSE, FOR ME?
THEN INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT AN OLD MAN LIKE ME,
-COUGH-
ABOUT CISSE...
YOU'RE GOING TO FORGIVE HIM?
I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CISSE'S HEALTH!
I'LL PROMISE YOU AS A DOCTOR.

HIS TALENTS ARE DEFINITELY GOD-GIVEN
ABLE TO LIVE DOING FREE DIVING, OR WHATEVER IT'S CALLED?
WILL CISSE BE ..
THAT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. .!
THE PARENT CANNOT CLOSE THE PATH.
NO MATTER HOW DANGEROUS THE PATH THAT THE CHILD WALKS.
.....

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, MARK
HEY! YOU CAN MARRY CISSE AND LIVE ON THIS ISLAND...
BRING BACK CISSE WITH YOU
WHEN ARE YOU COMING BACK?
FU FU... I WONDER
VROOOM
VROOOM
TELL CISSE I SAID HI!
HARUKAAA! BYE!
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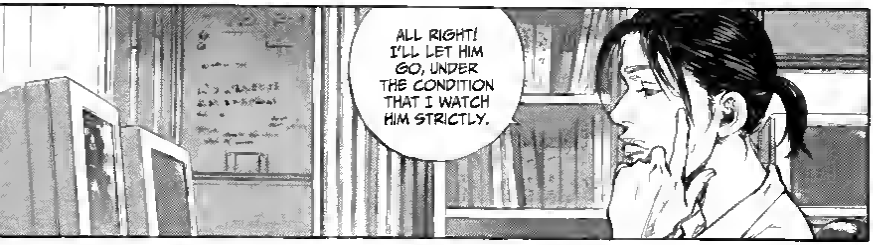
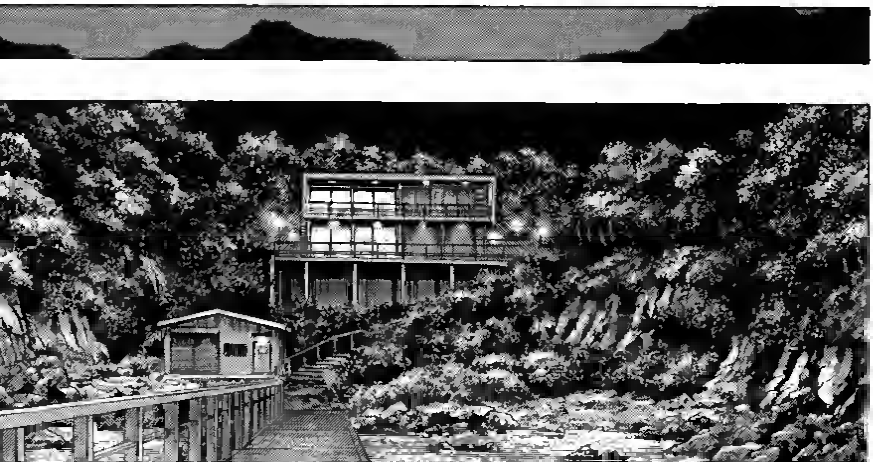
FA,
FATHER!

I DEFINITELY HEARD IT: HIS VOICE, SAYING TO TAKE CARE OF CISSE.

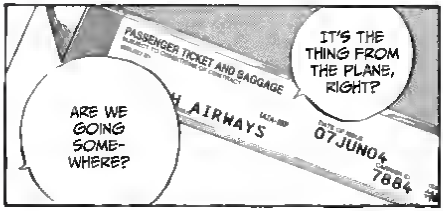




YAHOO, I'M GOING TO DIVE! I CAN FINALLY PRACTICE!
HARUKA! IT'S REALLY OKAY, RIGHT!?

HUH? WHAT'S THIS?

ALL RIGHT, I GOT THIS!
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE REGULAR CHECKUPS!
HEY CISSE THIS IS FOR YOU.


PASSENGER TICKET AND BAGGAGE
IT'S THE THING FROM THE PLANE, RIGHT?
ARE WE GOING SOME-WHERE?
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INVITING ME!?
THAT PETIT...?

THIS IS... A FRIENDLY INVITATION FROM PETIT!

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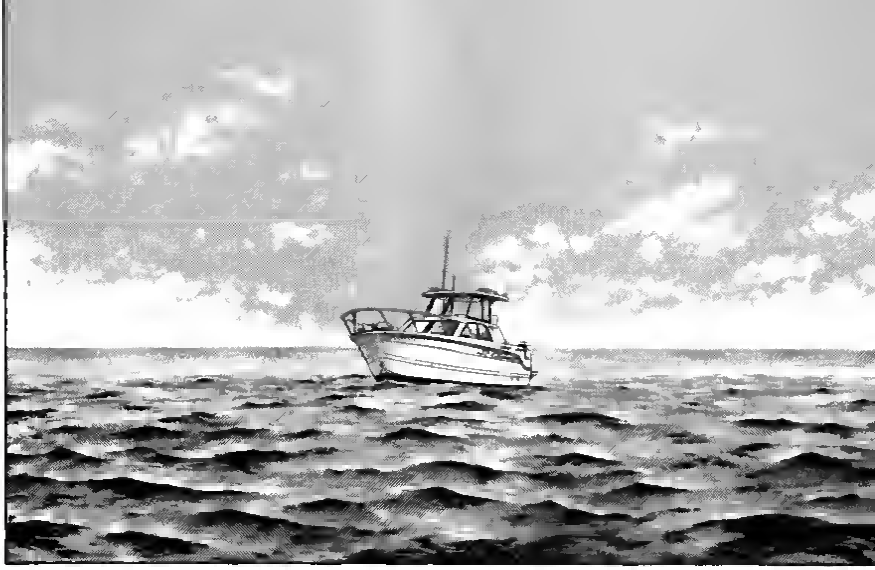
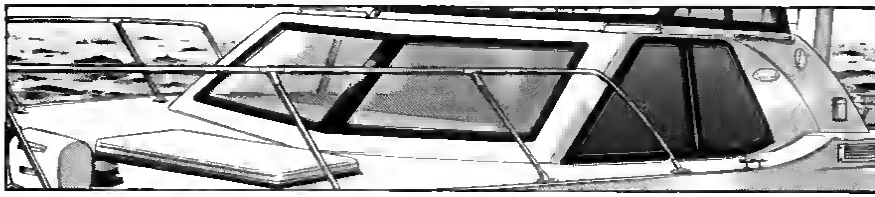
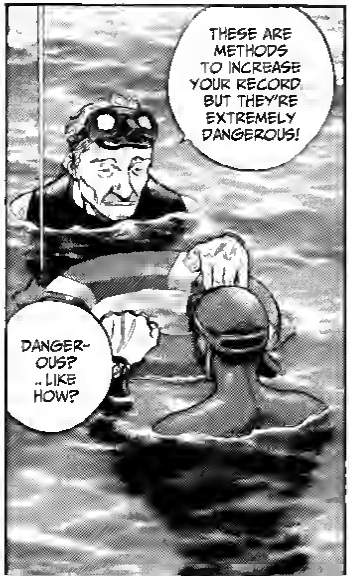





THESE ARE METHODS TO INCREASE YOUR RECORD BUT THEY'RE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!
DANGER-OUS? ..LIKE HOW?

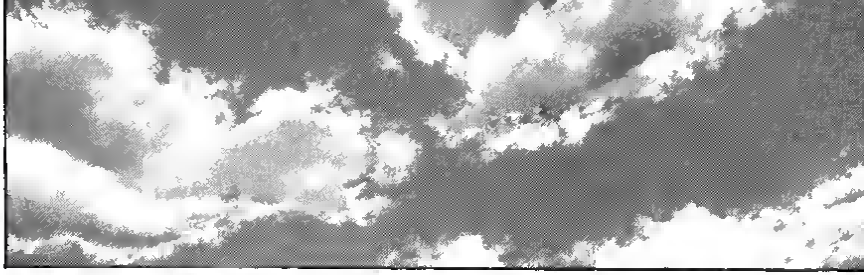
TECHNIQUES? THERE'S STILL MORE YOU CAN TEACH ME?

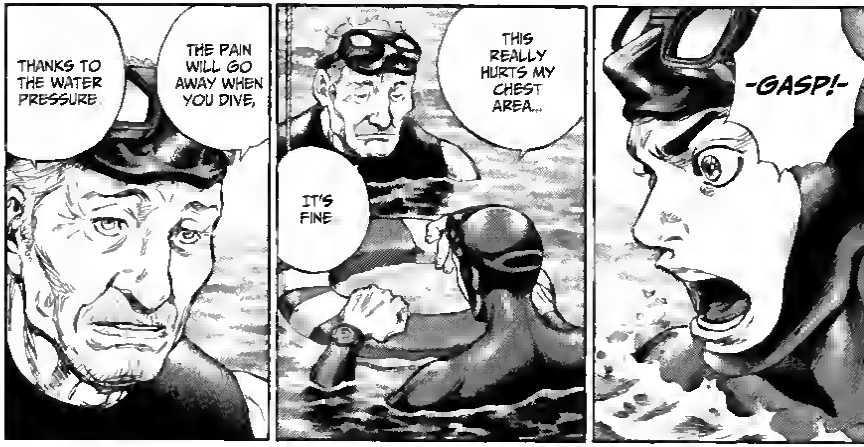
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME I TAUGHT YOU THE TECH-NIQUES.

BUT THERE'S ALSO THE RISK OF RUPTURING YOUR LUNGS, SO DO AS I SAY
YOU CAN EASILY HOLD A LITER OF AIR IN YOUR LUNGS THIS WAY.
THE FIRST TECHNIQUE IS PACKING, WHICH FORCEFULLY INCREASES LUNG CAPACITY.
YOU CAN DO THAT!?
!
BREATHE IN AS MUCH AIR AS YOU CAN AND HOLD IT IN.
NOW WHILE HOLDING YOUR BREATH, OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE, THEN PULL YOUR TONGUE BACK AND CLOSE YOUR MOUTH.
I'VE ALWAYS DONE THAT.

...UHN.
THINK OF IT LIKE TAKING A BIG BITE.
LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO SWALLOW SOMETHING
THEN USE YOUR TONGUE TO PUSH THE AIR INTO YOUR LUNGS!
JUST AS IF YOU'RE INFLATING A BALLOON...
USE YOUR MOUTH AND TONGUE LIKE A PUMP AND FILL UP YOUR LUNGS

REPEAT THIS EXERCISE TEN TIMES.
GOOD .. THAT'S IT
BUT BE CAREFUL NOT TO PUT AIR INTO YOUR STOMACH.
HOW DOES IT FEEL? CAN YOU FEEL YOUR LUNGS INFLATING?
STOP RIGHT BEFORE YOU FEEL YOUR LUNGS' MAXIMUM CAPACITY.
BUT LISTEN! DON'T EVER OVER-PACK!




THANKS TO THE WATER PRESSURE.
THE PAIN WILL GO AWAY WHEN YOU DIVE.
IT'S FINE.
THIS REALLY HURTS MY CHEST AREA...
-GASP!-

PACKING CAN BE EFFECTIVE FOR STATIC.
HOWEVER, THIS METHOD REQUIRES PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND AT LEAST 10 SECONDS OF TIME, SO SOME CONSIDER IT A WASTE OF OXYGEN. BUT I THINK IT'S VERY EFFECTIVE.

NOW TRY PACKING AND THEN DIVE.
DON'T OVERDO IT!

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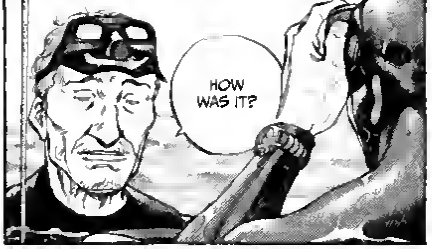
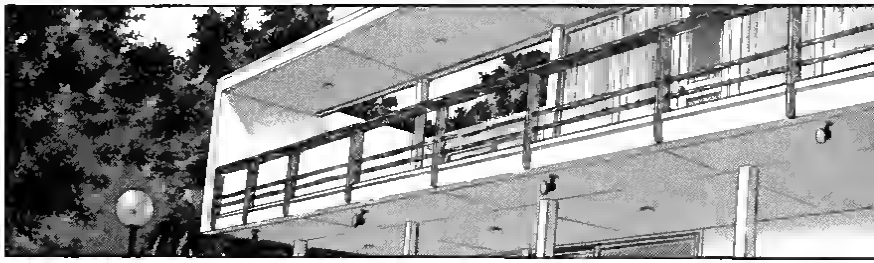
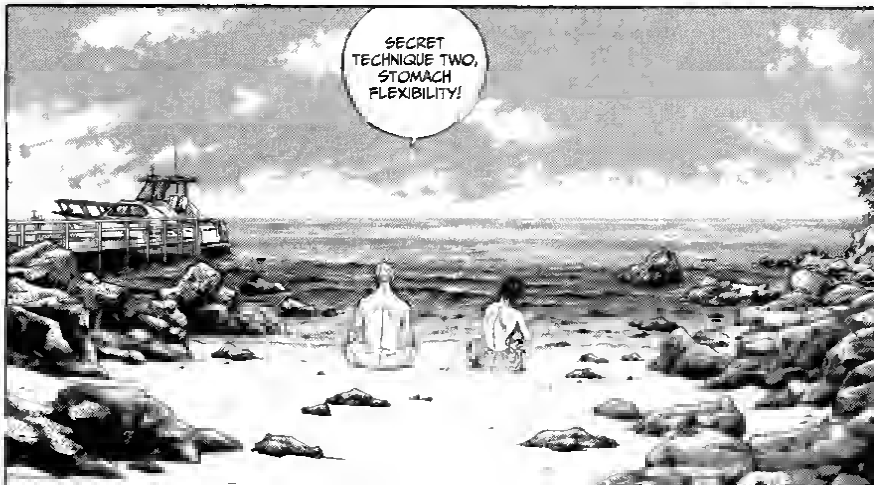

HOW WAS IT?

IT FELT LIKE MY AIR INCREASED A LOT!
THIS IS GOOD!



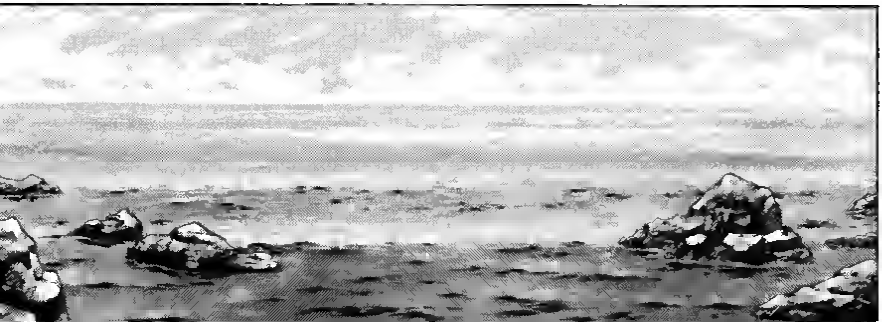

SECRET TECHNIQUE TWO, STOMACH FLEXIBILITY!

AFTER YOU BREATHE OUT ALL OF YOUR AIR,
USE ONLY YOUR STOMACH TO BREATHE
!
BY STRETCH-ING YOUR DIAPHRAGM.
I CAN SEE YOUR STOMACH MUSCLES!
I'M SURPRISED, UNCLE!

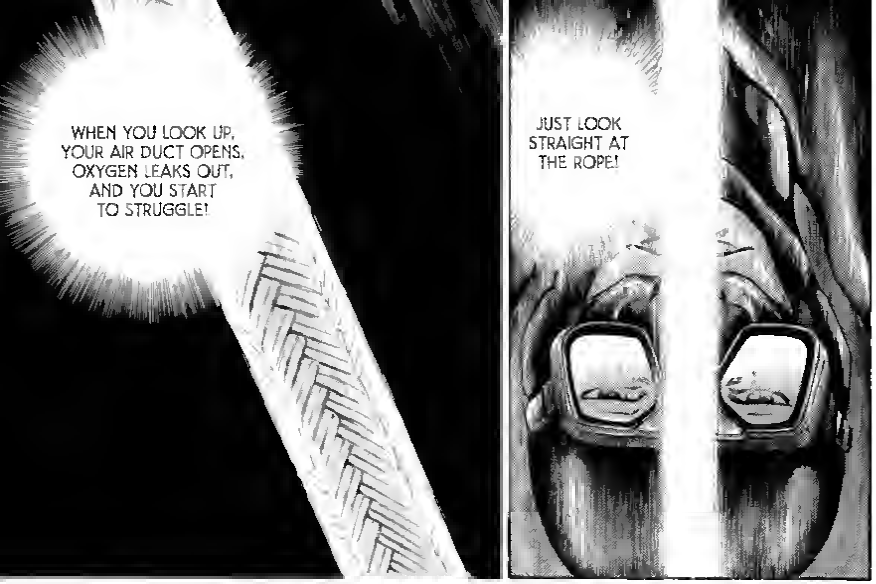
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING EXERCISES THAT'LL GET YOUR BODY READY FOR THE WATER PRESSURE... BUT IN YOUR CASE,
YOU CAN INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR LUNGS' INTAKE AND CAPACITY.

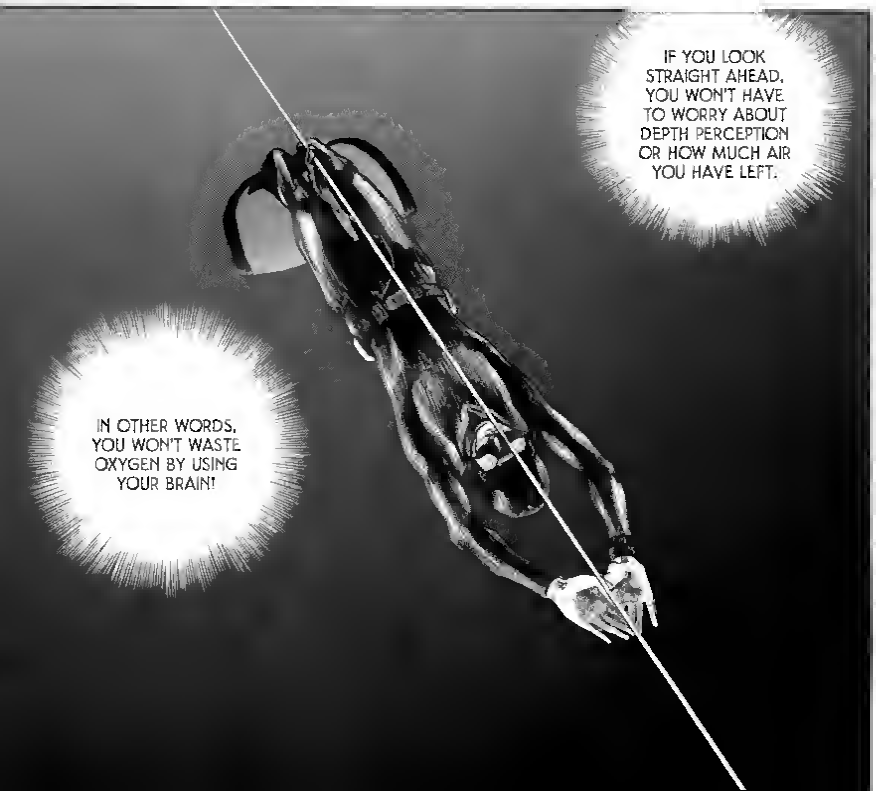
THIS SEEMS DIFFERENT FROM THE ZEN TRAINING.

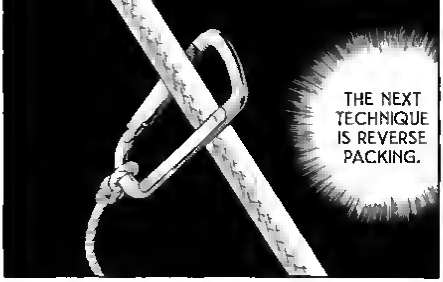
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO IMPROVE YOUR SPLEEN, IT'LL BE A GOOD WAKE-UP SHOT.

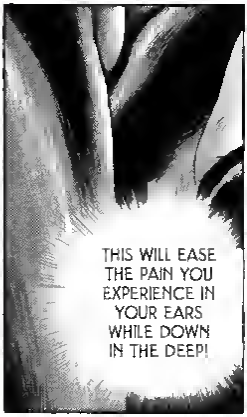


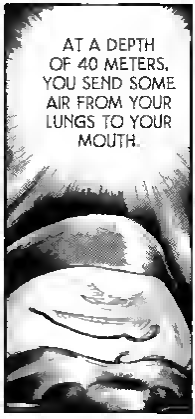
WHEN GOING UP, DON'T LOOK UP... AND WHEN GOING DOWN, DON'T LOOK DOWN! THIS IS THE IRON RULE!

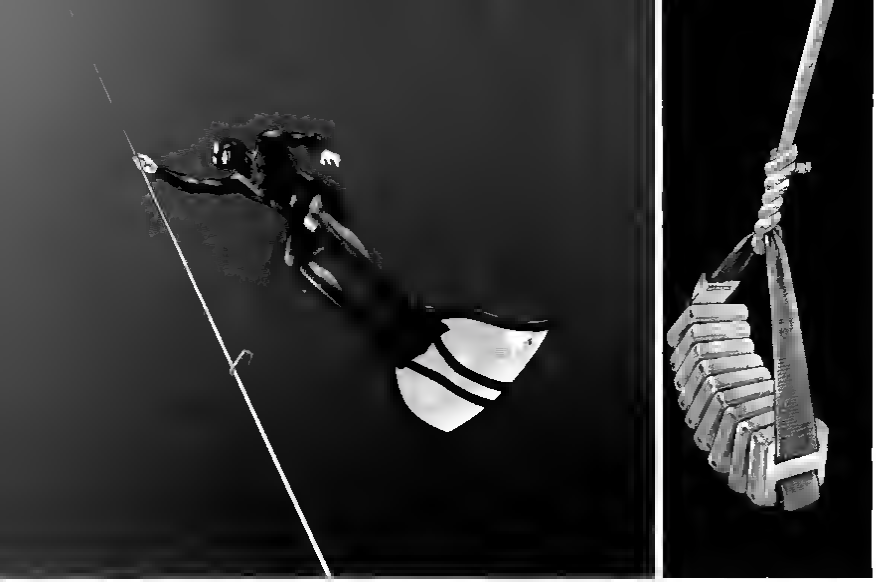

WHEN YOU LOOK UP, YOUR AIR DUCT OPENS, OXYGEN LEAKS OUT, AND YOU START TO STRUGGLE!
JUST LOOK STRAIGHT AT THE ROPE!

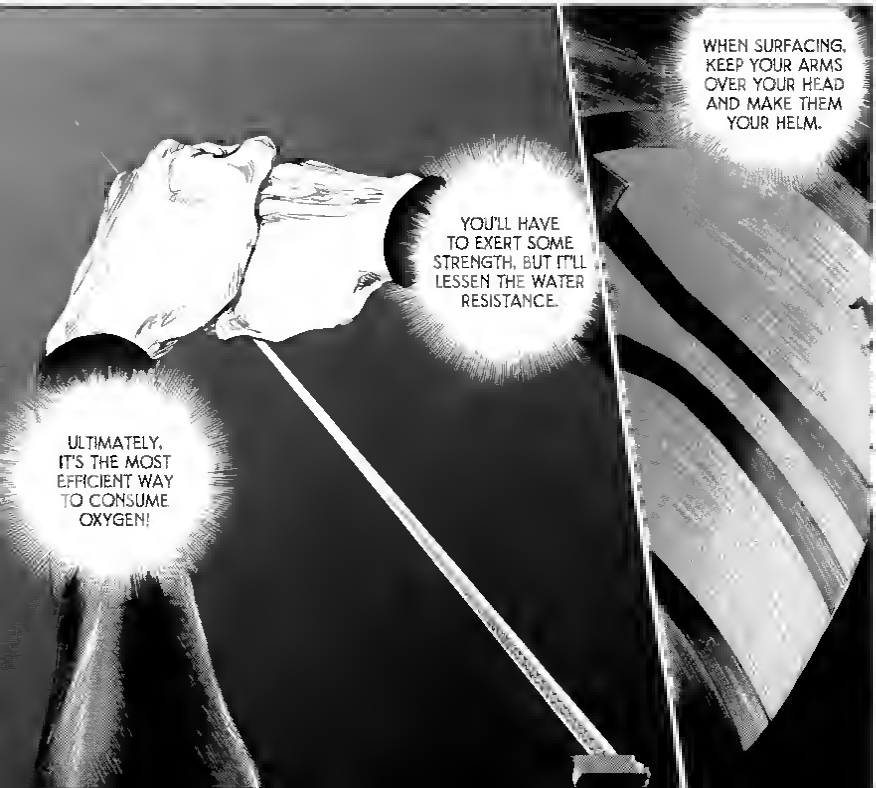

IF YOU LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DEPTH PERCEPTION OR HOW MUCH AIR YOU HAVE LEFT.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WON'T WASTE OXYGEN BY USING YOUR BRAIN!


THE NEXT TECHNIQUE IS REVERSE PACKING.


THIS WILL EASE THE PAIN YOU EXPERIENCE IN YOUR EARS WHILE DOWN IN THE DEEP!


AT A DEPTH OF 40 METERS, YOU SEND SOME AIR FROM YOUR LUNGS TO YOUR MOUTH.




WHEN SURFACING, KEEP YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR HEAD AND MAKE THEM YOUR HELM.
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXERT SOME STRENGTH, BUT IT'LL LESSEN THE WATER RESISTANCE.
ULTIMATELY, IT'S THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO CONSUME OXYGEN!

HMPH, ERRR...
AAAAAH, EEEHHHH,
THE TECHNIQUE OF ALL TECHNIQUES IS FACIAL STRETCHING.
IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO RELAX THE FACE THAN YOU'D THINK.
IT'S BEST TO DO IT WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.
UNCLE...

HEY, DON'T LAUGH! RELAXING IS THE KEY TO OXYGEN EFFICIENCY...
YOUR FACE! AHA-HAHA!
AHA-HAHA!!

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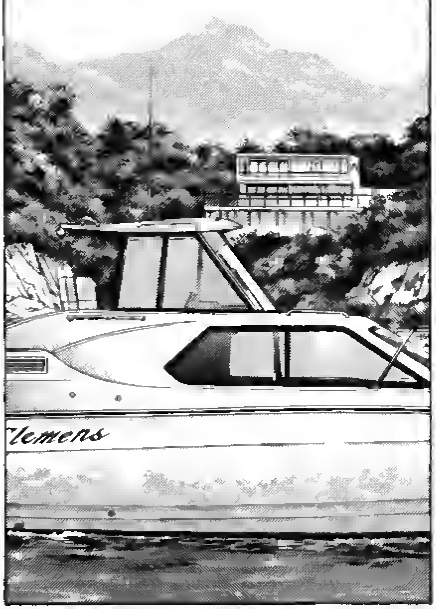
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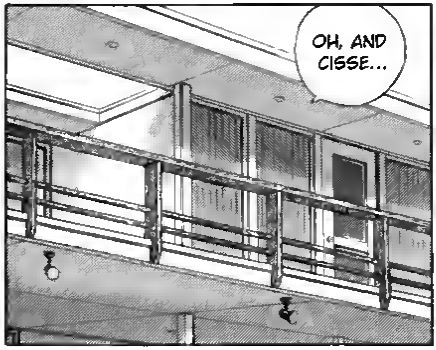

OH, AND CISSE...

PACK ANOTHER SET... BEFORE WE LEAVE TOMORROW.

A MATCH...? OLD MAN,
DOES THAT MEAN I CAN DIVE TOO!?
EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR A MATCH
...THIS LETTER PETIT SENT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING.
WASN'T THIS EVENT SUPPOSED TO BE PETIT'S PERSONAL RECORD-BREAKING CHALLENGE, NOT A TOURNAMENT ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CLAUDE?
DEAR MASTER CLAUDE..
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
READ IT, HARUKA!

THE PLANE TICKET ENCLOSED IS MY INVITATION TO YOU.

I INSIST THAT YOU BE WITNESS TO A HISTORICAL MOMENT AS I REACH THE DEPTHS NEVER TOUCHED BEFORE BY MANKIND.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF THAT YOUR FORMER APPRENTICE IS NOW AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD.

FURTHERMORE, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO YOUR CURRENT APPRENTICE TO BEAT MY OFFICIAL RECORD. I THINK IT WILL BE YOUR PLEASURE TO ATTEND A COMPETITION HELD BETWEEN YOUR TWO APPRENTICES.
THE ATTACHED FLIGHT TICKETS ARE IN REALITY AN INVITATION FOR YOUR ATTENTION. YOUR FORMER APPRENTICE WANTS TO SHOW HE'S THE BEST FREEDIVER OF THE WORLD. THE ONE WHO IS FOLLOWING A PATH UNEXPLORED BY HUMANS, WANTS TO SEE YOU ATTEND THIS HISTORICAL MOMENT.

HE'S GIVING ME A CHANCE? I'M GOING TO DIVE AGAIN IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA?
I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST INVITING ME TO MEET HIM.

IT'S A NEW CHALLENGE AND HE'S PREPARED EVERYTHING FOR THAT.
HERE WE GO.
PETIT.
I HOPE I WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE TO MEET YOU AGAIN

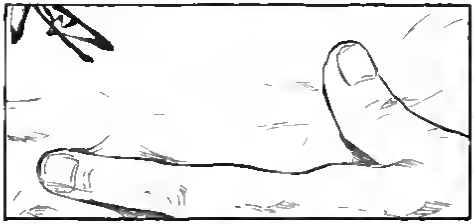
WHY ARE YOU ONLY TELLING ME NOW!?
I WANTED YOU TO AVOID FOOLISHNESS DURING THE TRAINING!

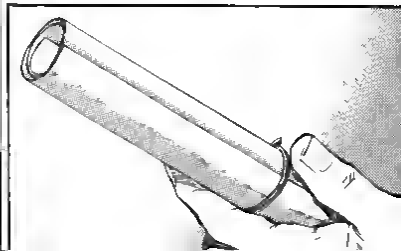
I'M READY!!
YEAAH!!

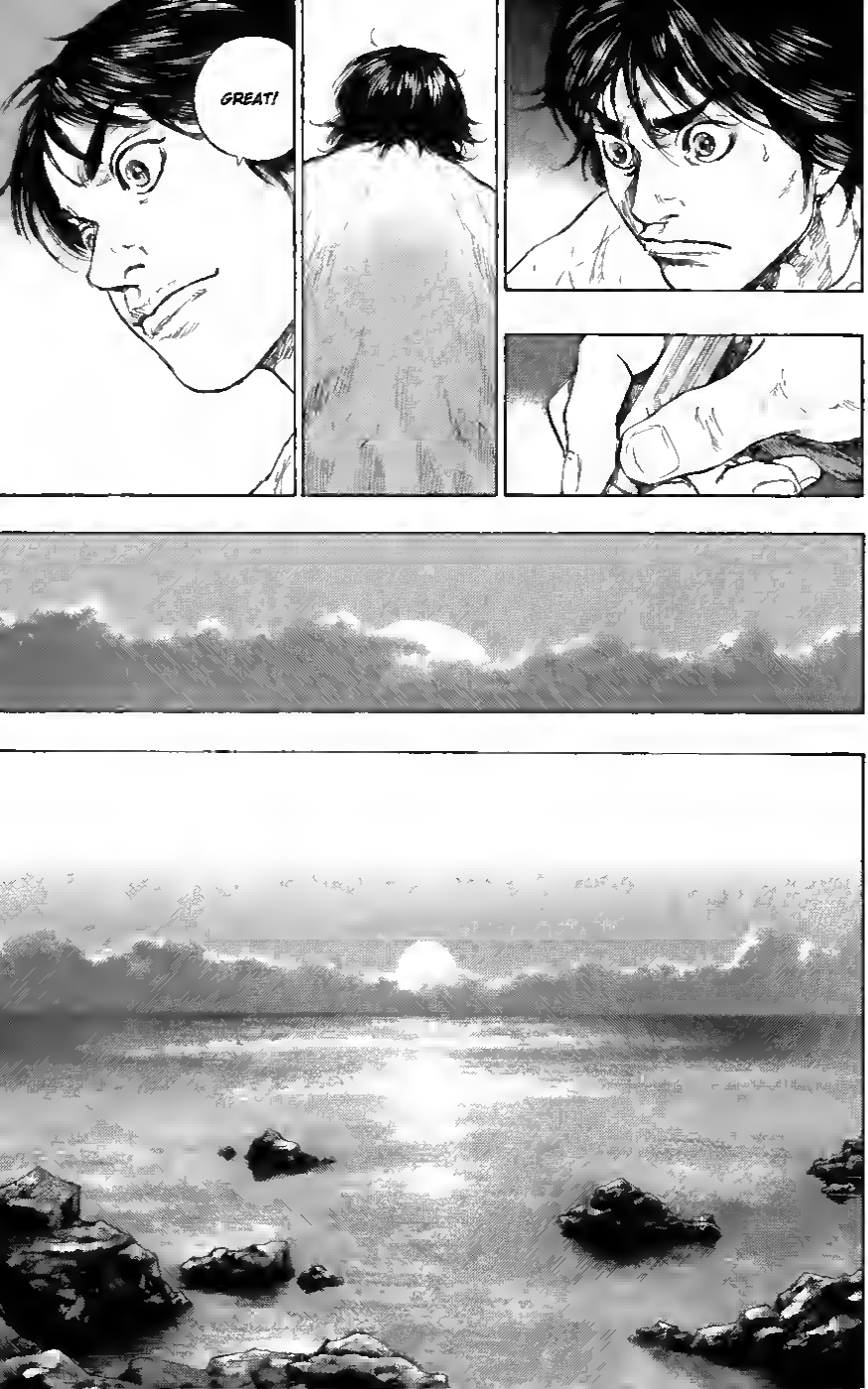
PFF...
I CAN'T SLEEP.

HAVE YOU SLEPT YET?
MAY I COME IN?
AH BUT THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S BECAUSE OF STRESS THAT YOU CAN'T SLEEP, RIGHT?
HEHE, YOU'RE FIDGETING LIKE A STUDENT BEFORE THE EXAM DAY
IT'S OPEN
DO YOU HAVE A WHITE PEN YOU COULD LEND ME?
WHITE?

[T/N: HE SAID IT IN ENGLISH]



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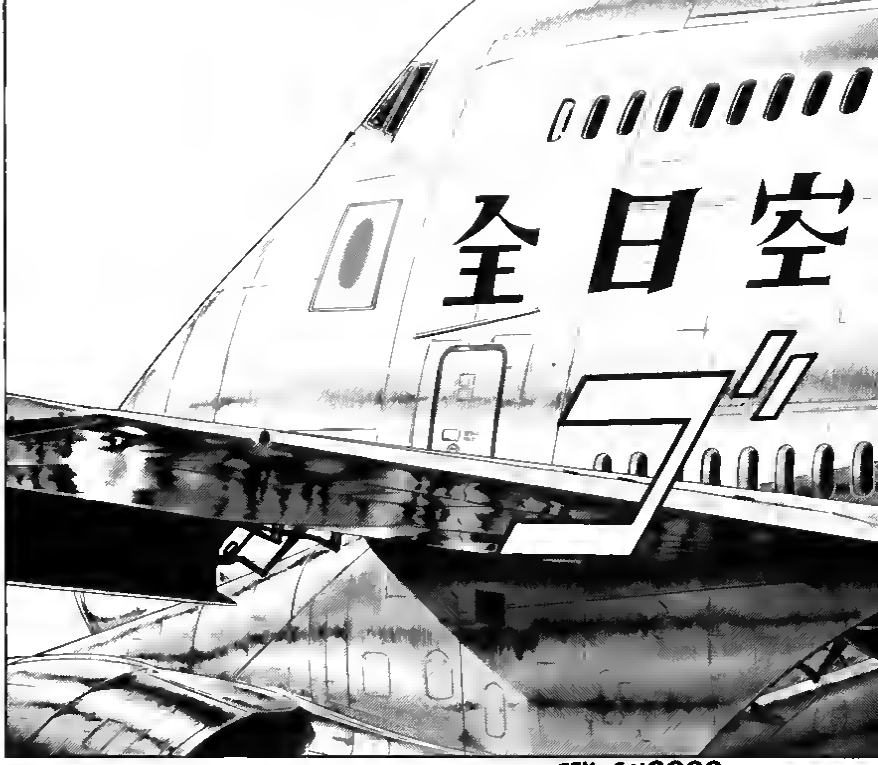

SFX: GHOOOO

DIVING CAN'T BE SUMMED UP TO A TECHNIQUE, IT'S A LIFESTYLE, THE FUTURE OF THE EARTH.
I THINK YOU'VE UNDERSTOOD, HAVEN'T YOU?

MISS .. PLEASE!
I'M NOT AFRAID AT ALL OF FLYING.
STOP ASKING ME THE SAME QUESTION.
ARE YOU OK?

I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE WINE! BRING ME 2 OR 3 MORE BOTTLES!

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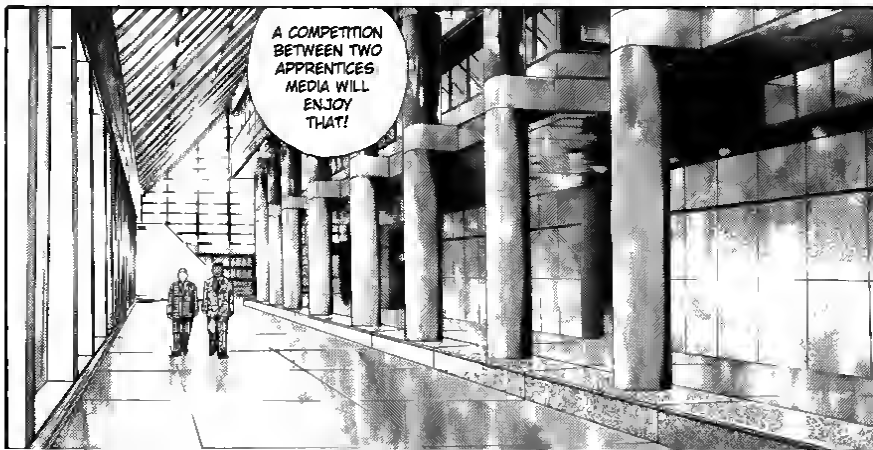
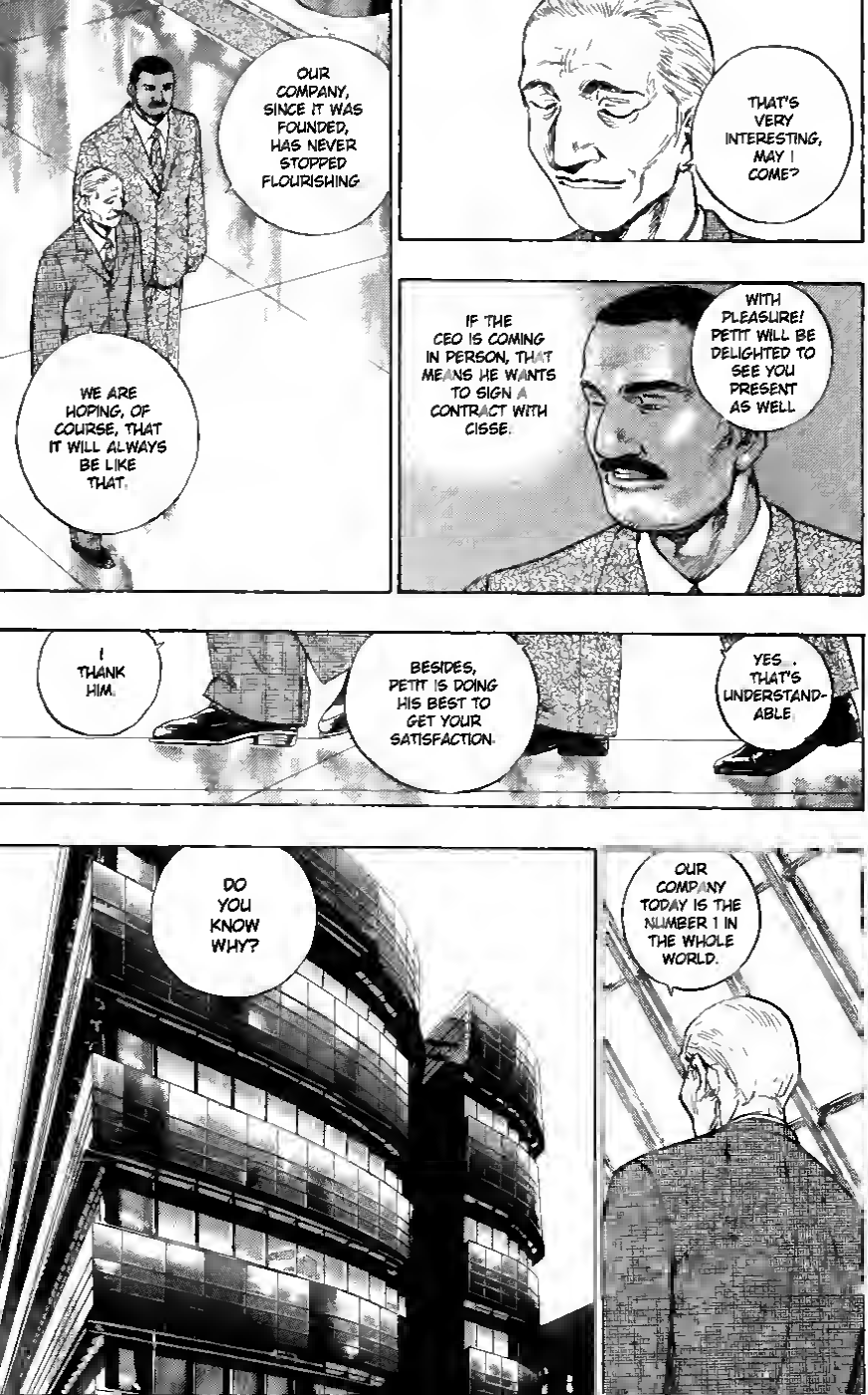
OOH... HE WENT TO CHALLENGE THE NEWBIE


A COMPETITION BETWEEN TWO APPRENTICES... MEDIA WILL ENJOY THAT!


OUR COMPANY, SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED, HAS NEVER STOPPED FLOURISHING.
WE ARE HOPING, OF COURSE, THAT IT WILL ALWAYS BE LIKE THAT.
THAT'S VERY INTERESTING, MAY I COME?
IF THE CEO IS COMING IN PERSON, THAT MEANS HE WANTS TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CISSE.
WITH PLEASURE! PETIT WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU PRESENT AS WELL.
I THANK HIM.
BESIDES, PETIT IS DOING HIS BEST TO GET YOUR SATISFACTION.
YES . THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
OUR COMPANY TODAY IS THE NUMBER 1 IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

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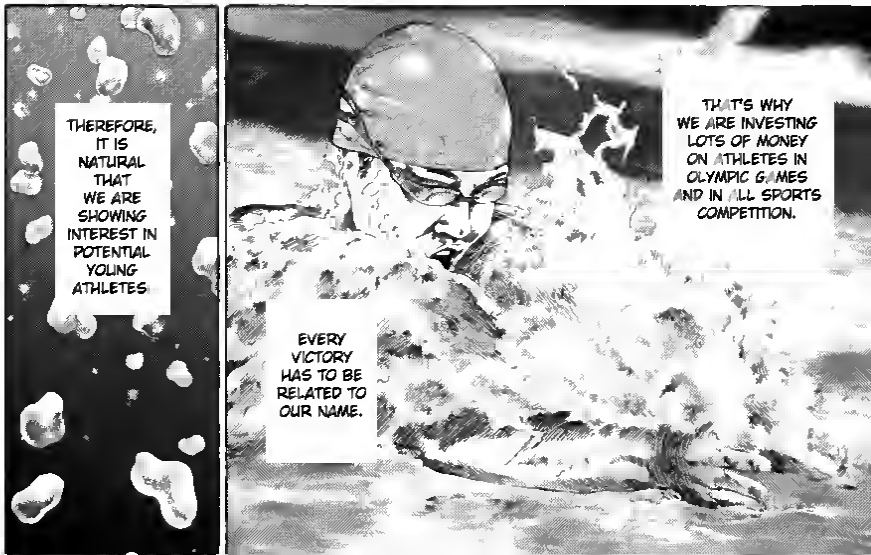
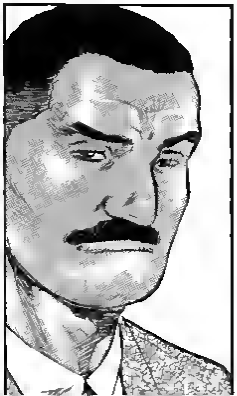
THE SPORT ITEMS THAT OUR BEST ATHLETES ARE WEARING COMES FROM OUR FACTORIES.
BY CREATING SUCH A TRADEMARK, OUR PRODUCTS ARE LINKED IN THE WHOLE WORLD.


THEREFORE, IT IS NATURAL THAT WE ARE SHOWING INTEREST IN POTENTIAL YOUNG ATHLETES.
THAT'S WHY WE ARE INVESTING LOTS OF MONEY ON ATHLETES IN OLYMPIC GAMES AND IN ALL SPORTS COMPETITION.
EVERY VICTORY HAS TO BE RELATED TO OUR NAME.

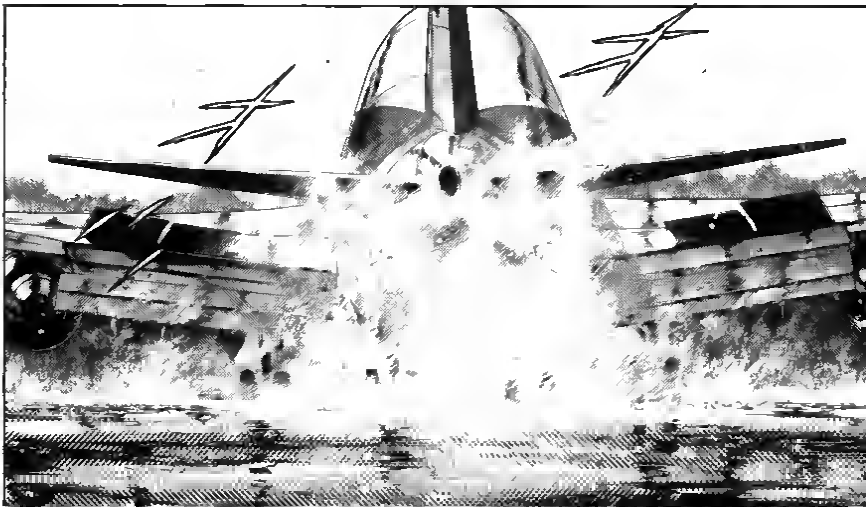
TODAY FREEDIVING IS SEEN AS A MAJOR SPORT.
BUT WE'RE GOING TO WORK ON IT TO MAKE IT A NEW OLYMPIC SPORT.

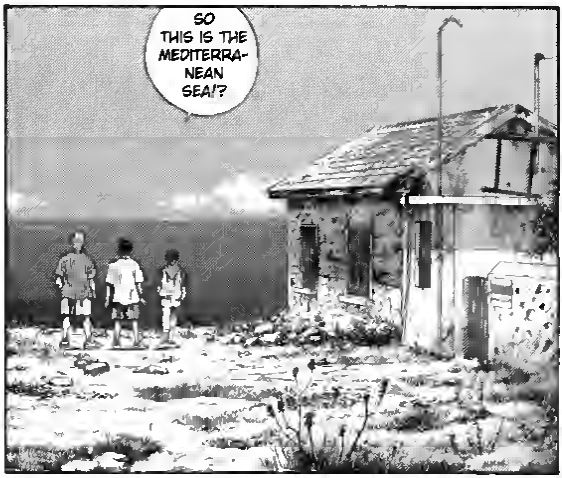
AT THE MOMENT, THE ATHLETE WHO WILL WIN THE GOLD MEDAL WILL BE WEARING ITEMS MADE BY OUR COMPANY.
SOMEDAY IT WILL BE RECOGNISED WE'LL FIND A WAY SO IT WILL BECOME ONE OF THEM

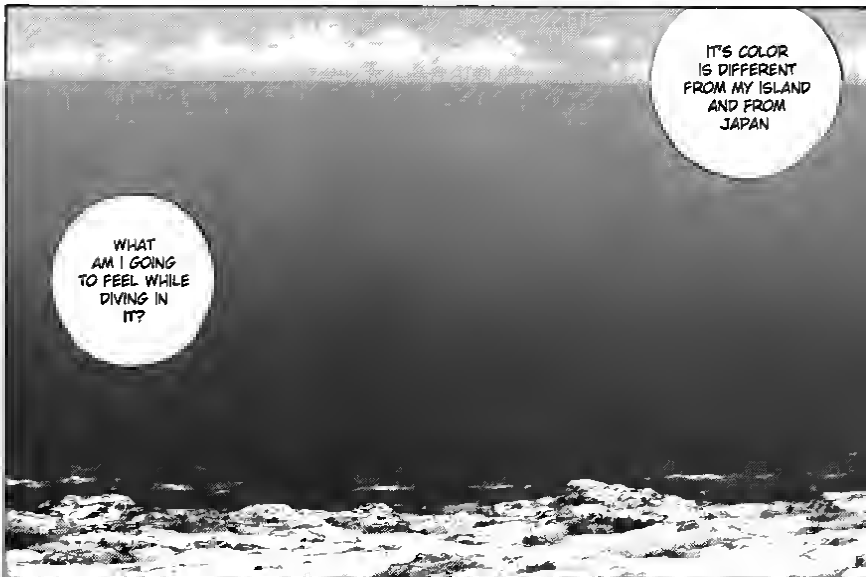
TELL THIS TO PETIT. GOOD LUCK!



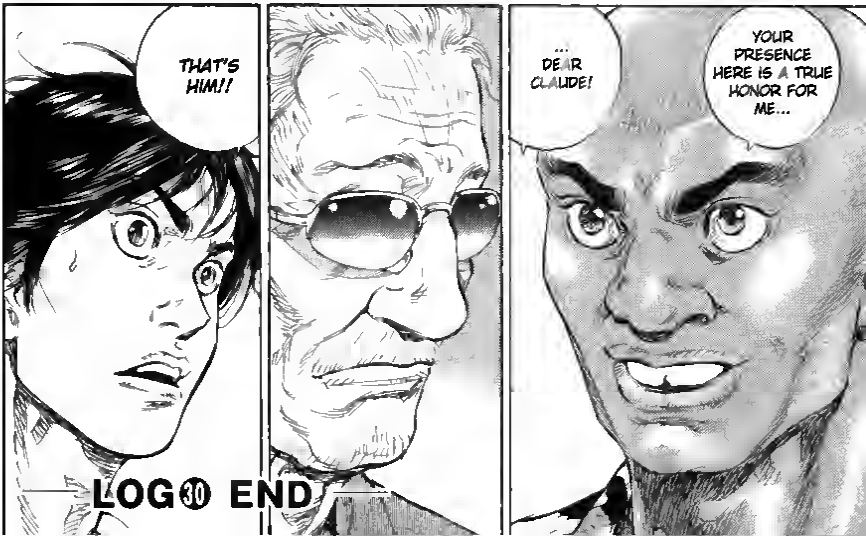
SFX: SPLOOHH




SO THIS IS THE MEDITERRA-NEAN SEA!?


IT'S COLOR IS DIFFERENT FROM MY ISLAND AND FROM JAPAN
WHAT AM I GOING TO FEEL WHILE DIVING IN IT?

I WANT TO DIVE IN RIGHT NOW!!
BE PATIENT. IT'S HIM WHO TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING


THAT'S HIM!!
... DEAR CLAUDE!
YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS A TRUE HONOR FOR ME...

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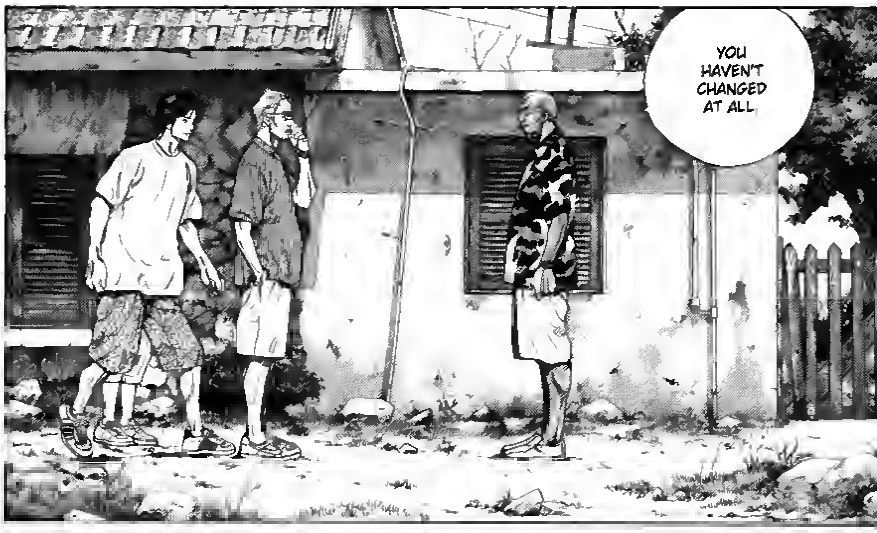

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

HM...

EARTH WILL BE SAVED?
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN. I'M REALLY LUCKY.

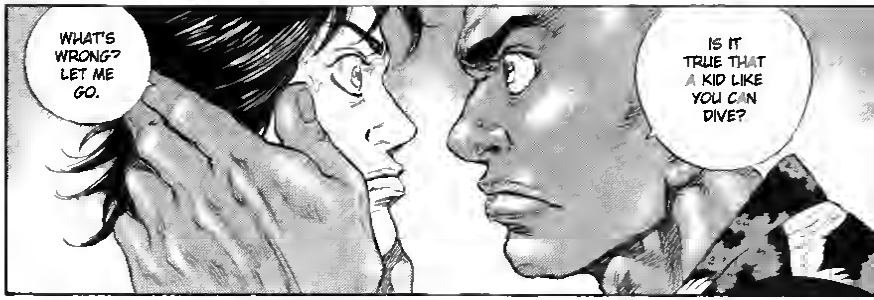
ONCE AGAIN, I'LL SHOW YOU I'M RIGHT! I'LL EVEN DELEVER IT!
SEE, SINCE I STAND BY IMPROVING MY TECHNIQUE, I'M AT THE TOP LEVEL.

GOOD YOUR TURN

SFX: GWT

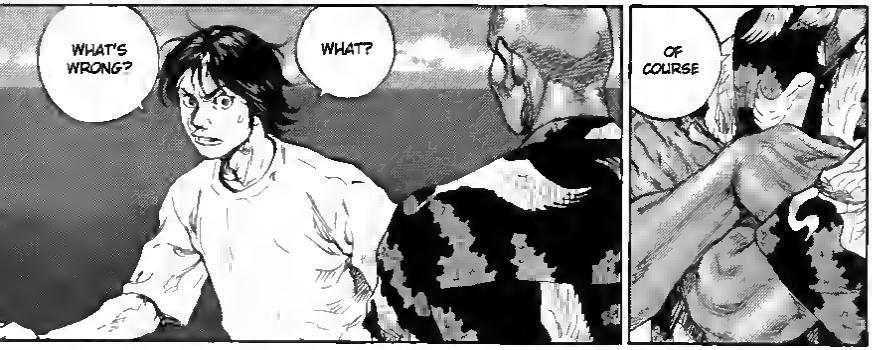
SO YOU'RE HIS NEW APPRENTICE.
YOUR DEBUT WAS TOTALLY AMAZING

WHAA... WHAT?!
THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE, BROTHER!!


WHAT'S WRONG? LET ME GO.
IS IT TRUE THAT A KID LIKE YOU CAN DIVE?

RHM..
LET ME GO!
WHAT?

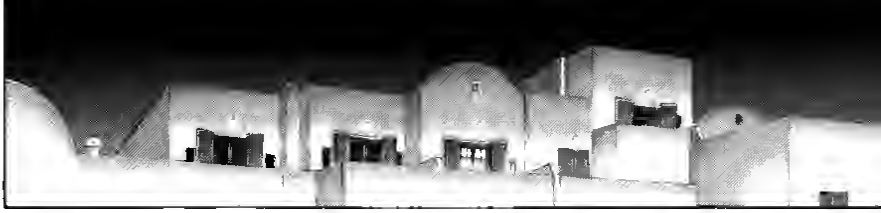
YOU'RE ANNOYING!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY!
YOU'RE TICKLING ME, OH!
STOP THAT!
WAAH!


WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT?
OF COURSE

THAT IS YOUR STRONG SUIT.
THE SKELETON IS STILL FLEXIBLE.
YOUR BODY STILL ISN'T THAT OF AN ADULT'S.

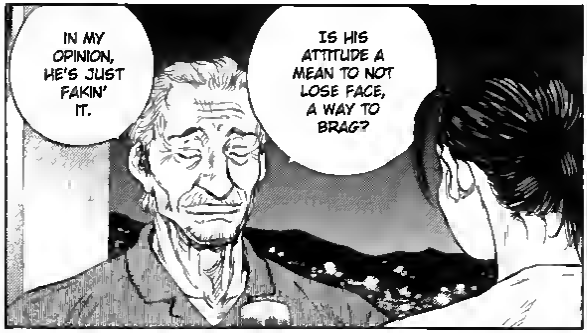
I THINK YOU CAN DO IT TOO, BROTHER!
I'M GOING TO ATTEMPT TO DIVE DOWN 100 METERS!
HIS DREAM IS THE SAME AS MINE!
ABOVE THE 100 METERS MARK? WILL WE BE THE FIRST HUMAN BEINGS TO DIVE DOWN BEYOND THAT?
WILL WE GO TOGETHER ..
.....!!
DIVING DOWN EVEN FURTHER!!

WE'LL MEET IN ONE WEEK THAT'S TO SAY D-1
AH...
HE HE, DON'T MENTION IT.
I CAME HERE TO GREET YOU AND TO THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION
ALRIGHT, LETS GO.
IF YOU STAY WITH HIM... YOU'LL NEVER GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO BET ME
I WANT TO ADVISE YOU BROTHER



TRUE, CISSE HAS TO ENDURE A HUGE PRESSURE. BUT PETIT'S HEART IS POUNDING HARD

IT'S TOMORROW. I'M A BIT SCARED

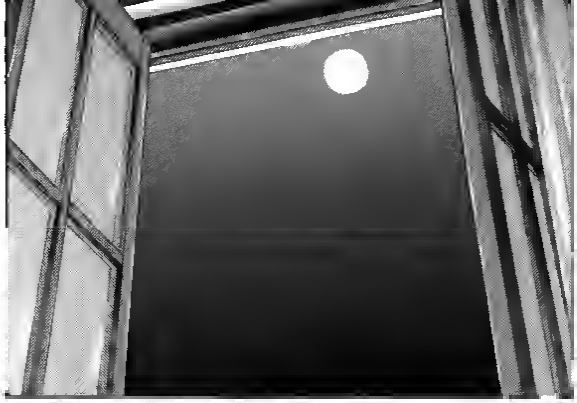

IN MY OPINION, HE'S JUST FAKIN' IT.
IS HIS ATTITUDE A MEAN TO NOT LOSE FACE, A WAY TO BRAG?

MOST LIKELY. HE'S SO COCKY.

HE WANTS TO RAISE HIS POPULARITY TO GET EVEN MORE CASH.
THE TRUTH IS, HE WENT TO GIVE CISSE HIS CHANCE, ONLY FOR HIS PERSONAL PROFIT, MERELY TO GATHER MEDIA ATTENTION.

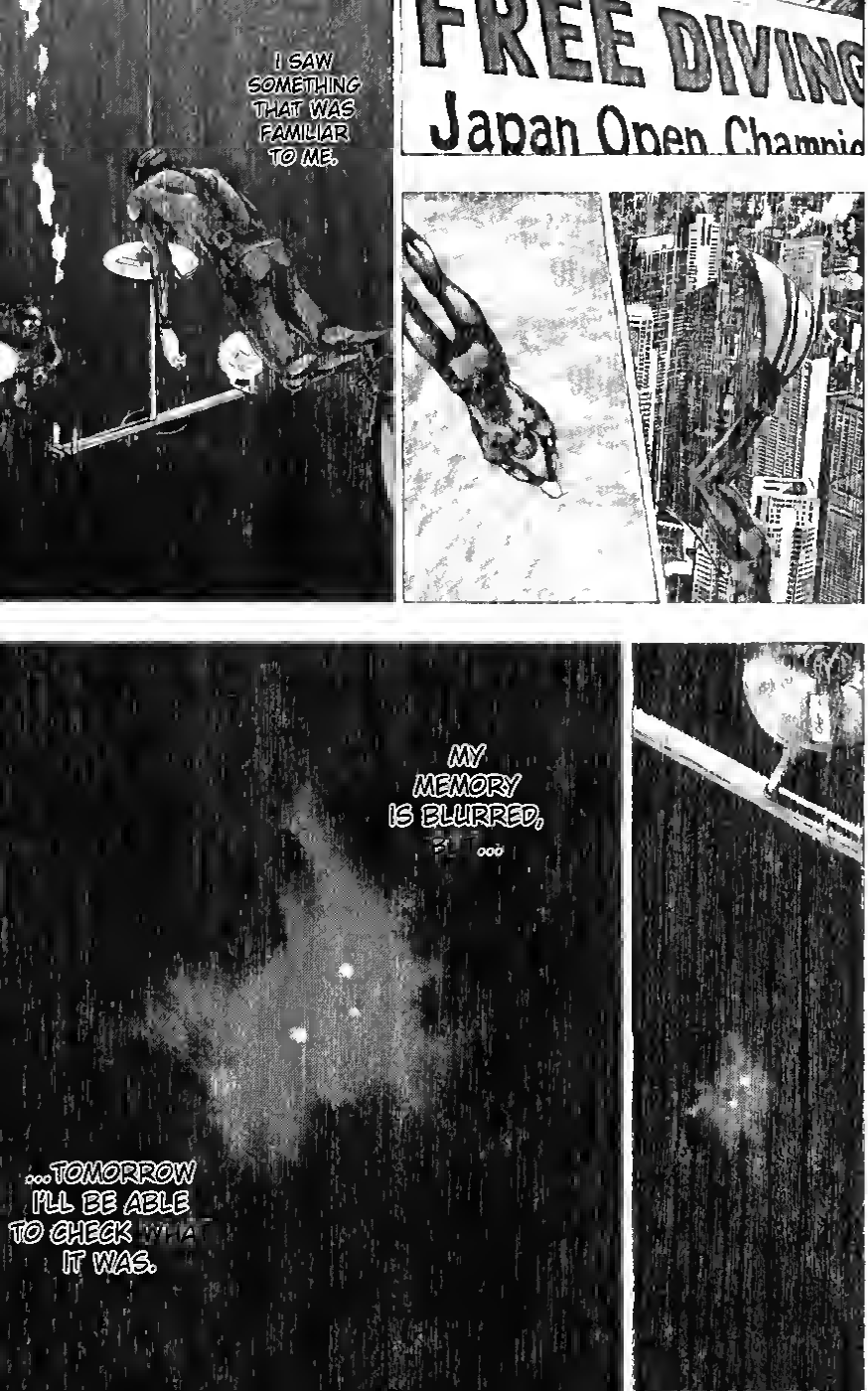
THIS GOES FOR HIS INVITATION TOO

BY ACCEPTING THE SAME CHALLENGE, THEN SEEING HIS RIVAL DEFYING DEATH...
...THE WINNER WILL SHOW HIS VALUE WITH HIS EXTRAORDINARY RESISTANCE, RIGHT?
ANYWAY... NO MATTER HOW HIGH THE RISK, WE'RE WITHOUT A DOUBT GOING TO ASSIST WITH AN AMAZING RECORD!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THIS IS MORE OR LESS WHAT PETIT IS EXPECTING
CISSE MIGHT BECOME UNCONSCIOUS!
!
THE COMPETITION HAS ALREADY STARTED, WE CAN FEEL THE HEAVY TENSION ON THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT.
ANYWAY, HE STILL HAS A CHANCE. WILL HE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT? IT DEPENDS ON HIM.



YES,
I HAVE
THE STRENGTH.

AM I
ABLE
TO DO
IT?
DIVING
DOWN BELOW
100 METRES...


I SAW SOMETHING THAT WAS FAMILIAR TO ME.
FREE DIVING
Japan Open Champio
MY MEMORY IS BLURRED, P... ...
...TOMORROW I'LL BE ABLE TO CHECK IT. IT WAS.

STOP.
NO NEED
TO CONFUSE
MYSELF ANYMORE...
I NEED TO GO TO
SLEEP EARLY!
WHAT
IF I GET
DISQUALIFIED?

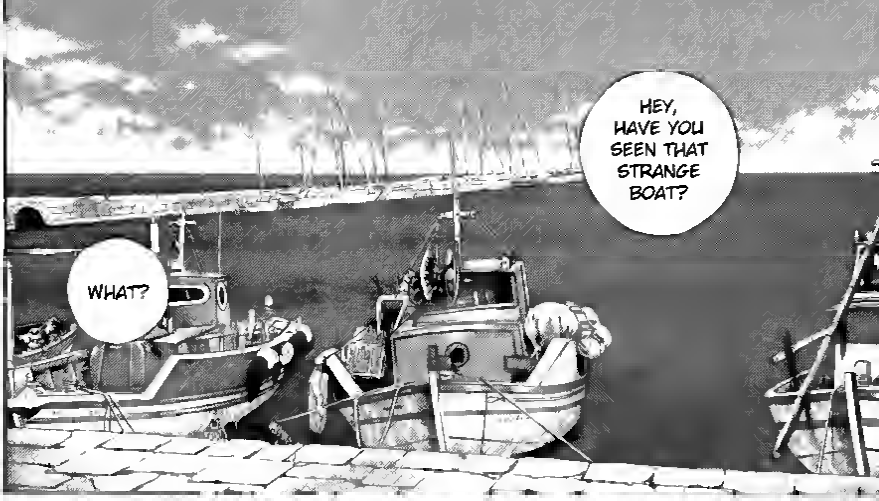
..LIKE DURING THIS NIGHT AT THE TEMPLE.
LET'S TRY TO STOP EXISTING..
..THIS FEELING OF EMPTINESS.
LET'S TRY LETTING GO, TO FIND AGAIN..
LADY MOON PLEASE... HELP ME.

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU GET OLDER.
YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHY DADDY IS THE BEST DIVER IN THE WORLD.
NO! HE'S WORKING TOMORROW.
I WANT TO SLEEP WITH DADDY!
RIGHT... SLEEP QUICKLY.
THEN I WANT TO GET OLDER!
I GOT IT [illegible] TO THE SEA.
EVERYTHING I POSSESS...

YES.
I CAN DO IT.
AND EVEN IN THE
IT'S IN MY REACH.

EVERYTHING I POSSESS IS THANKS TO THE SEA.
LOG 31 END

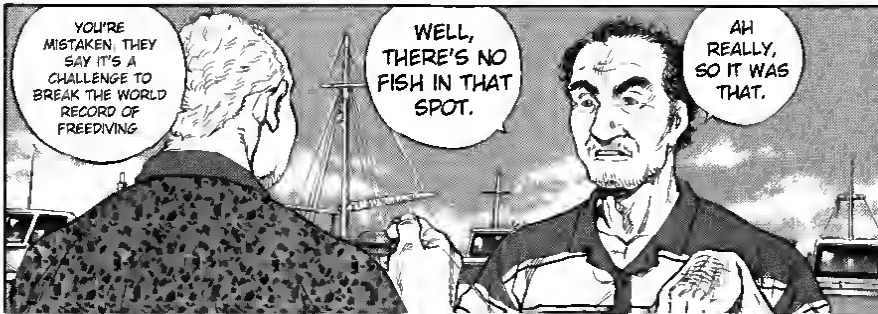
LOG 32 TRICK


HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN THAT STRANGE BOAT?
WHAT?

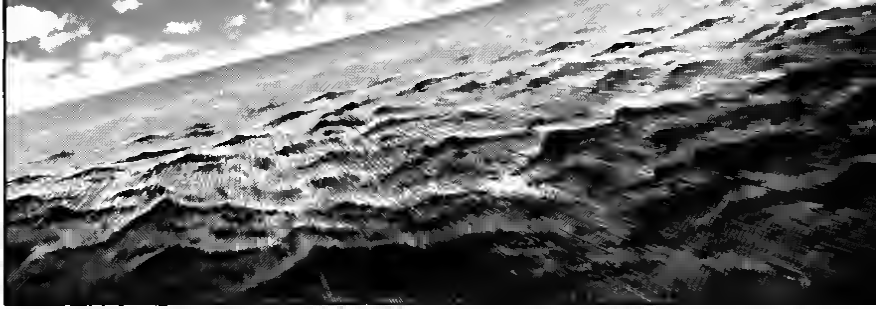
WHAT WAS THAT, IN YOUR OPINION?

THE VERY FLAT ONE... YOU KNOW, WHEN WE WENT TO THE FISH MARKET.
AH YEAH, I'VE SEEN IT.

IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A SPECIAL BOAT FOR DIVING.

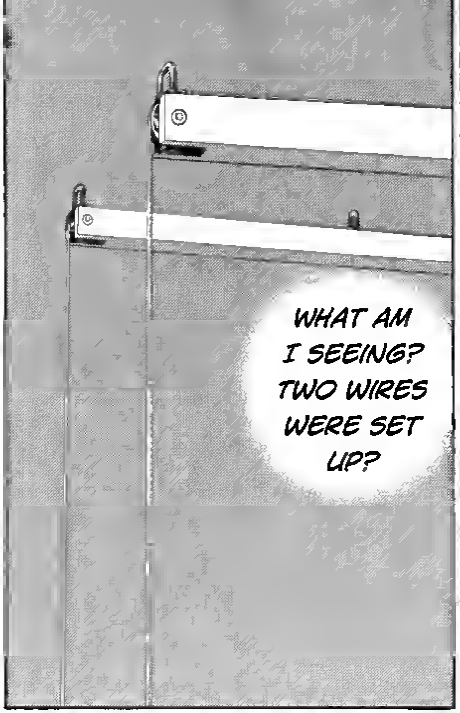

YOU'RE MISTAKEN. THEY SAY IT'S A CHALLENGE TO BREAK THE WORLD RECORD OF FREEDIVING
WELL, THERE'S NO FISH IN THAT SPOT.
AH REALLY, SO IT WAS THAT.

HOW IT IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ENDURE THAT? WE CAN'T EVEN GO BEYOND 15 METERS.
SAME, I WAS ALSO FLABBERGASTED, BUT... IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S TRUE.
THAT'S TOTAL NONSENSE . SOME DUDES ARE GOING TO DIVE DOWN BELOW 100 METERS ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY SAY
RIGHT, THEY'RE GOING TO DIE, YEAH.
THEY'D EVEN STAY UNDERWATER WITHOUT BREATHING FOR 9 MINS.
COMPLETELY.
...THOSE GUYS WOULD BE FISHES.
IF IT WAS EVER REAL...
WELL, AS FOR ME I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.
NO, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT.
RESTAURANT
THESE STORIES AREN'T BULLSHIT.
IT'S NOT A PIECE OF CAKE TO BE THE BEST FREEDIVER OF THE WORLD.

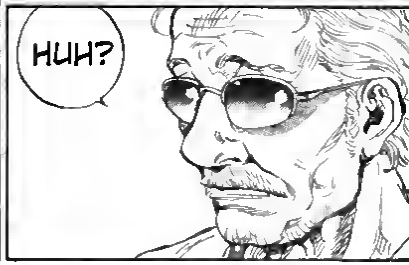


BROOO
BROOO

THAT CAN'T BE. I HATE WHEN MY HEART IS POUNDING LIKE CRAZY.
YOU'RE NERVOUS?
CISSE...
A BIT, BUT... IT'S OK.
I WONDER WHAT PETIT IS SCHEMING.
THEIR EXCUSE WAS THAT THE BOAT INSPECTION COULDN'T BE DONE DUE TO A DELAY IN PREPARATIONS
SHAFFFFF
THE BOAT IS IN SIGHT.


WHAT AM I SEEING? TWO WIRES WERE SET UP?

SO MANY PEOPLE! ARE THEY THE AUDIENCE?
EH, THAT'S CRAZY!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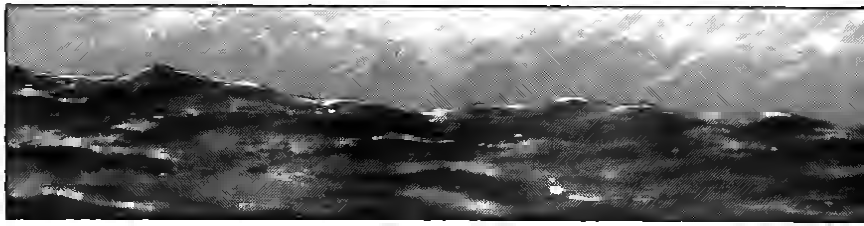

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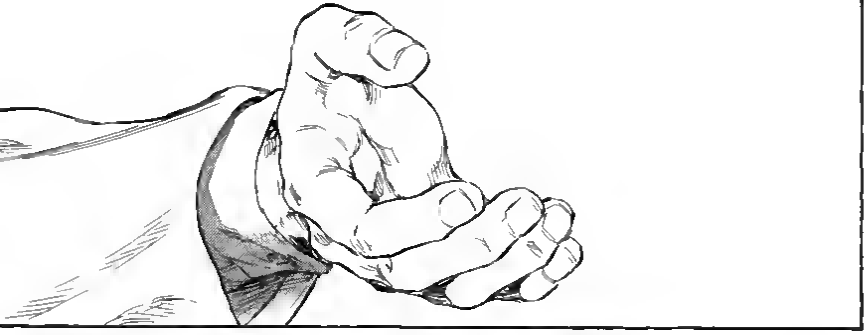
CREW

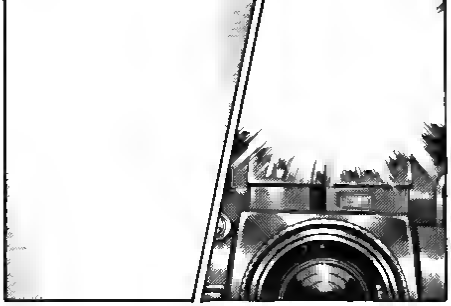


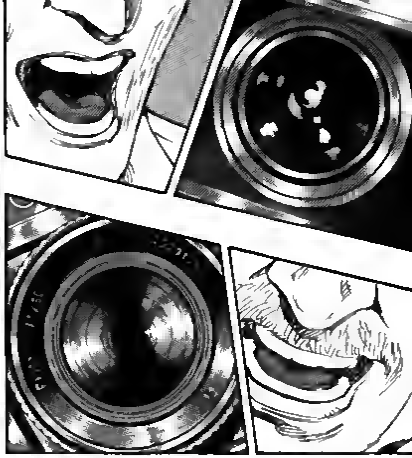
I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT BUSINESS WITH YOU LIKE IN THE PAST
HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

THAT'S THE NEW KING WHOSE AMBITION IS THE POSSESSION OF THE WHOLE PLANET.

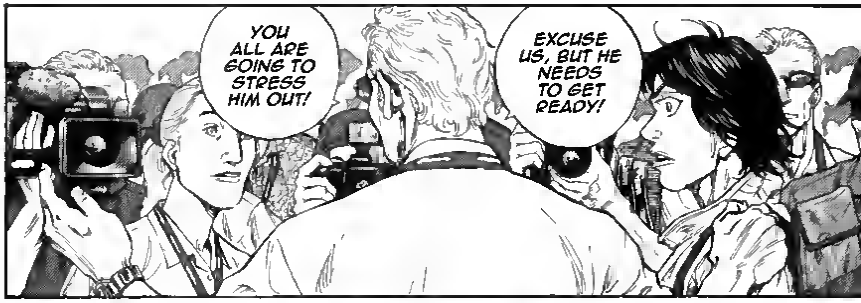
YES, WHY?
EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU CISSE?
YOU COULD AT LEAST TAKE YOUR LUGGAGE!
EH, WAIT FOR ME!
mares
CEO
STEVEN GOLDBARG
I WORK FOR THE COMPANY SPONSORING YOU.
NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE.
AH REALLY?
I'M VERY HAPPY TO MEET YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU MAY GET IDOLIZED BY THE WHOLE PLANET.
IT DOESN'T MATTER THE DEEP BLACK IN YOUR PUPILS SAY A LOT ON YOUR OBEDIENCE.

WHAT'S THAT, NOW?
WAH...
PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS.
GOOD LUCK!
IF YOU GET GOOD RESULTS... YOU WILL UNDERSTAND.
THANKS...
CISSE! CISSE!!
HE'S OVER THERE!
DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN AGAINST THE MOST EXPERIENCED FREEDIVER OF THE WORLD?
DID MASTER CLAUDE GIVE YOU ANY ADVICE?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY NOW THAT THIS VERY DANGEROUS COMPETITION IS ABOUT TO START?
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE RECOGNITION OF FREEDIVING AS AN OLYMPIC SPORT?
THEY SAY YOU WERE BORN IN THE SEA AND YOU WERE SAVED BY A DOLPHIN. IS THAT TRUE?
HAVE YOU ALREADY SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE CEREBROS COMPANY?

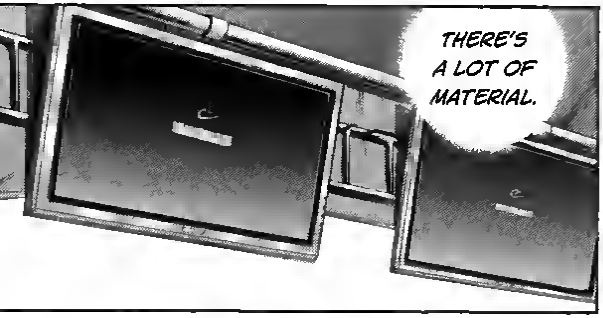




HE'S GOING TO LOSE FOCUS BECAUSE OF THEM
THAT'S AN AWFUL TON OF NOISES!


YOU ALL ARE GOING TO STRESS HIM OUT!
EXCUSE US, BUT HE NEEDS TO GET READY!

WHO ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE?
PFF... ALL OF THEM TALKING AT THE SAME TIME AND WITHOUT A BREAK...


THERE'S A LOT OF MATERIAL.

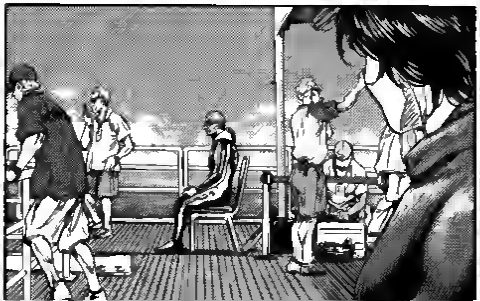
FMM...

THOSE ARE FOOLISH WORDS BY STUPID PEOPLE
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THEM.

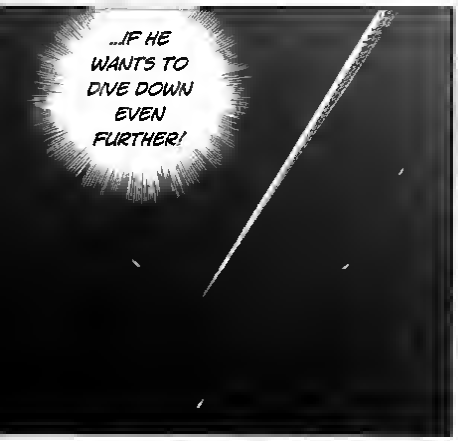
YOU SAW HIM, HE'S STILL A KID.
OH... THAT'S HIM CISSE?

THEY ENJOY ATTENTION.
DIVING DOWN BEYOND 100 METERS, THAT'S PURE MADNESS

武士道



RIGHT? HE HE HE...
EH, THAT'S NOT TOO BAD WHAT YOU'VE DONE.


...IF HE WANTS TO DIVE DOWN EVEN FURTHER!

THOUGH... HE SHOULD ALSO BE SCARED...
HE'S STONE -FACED.

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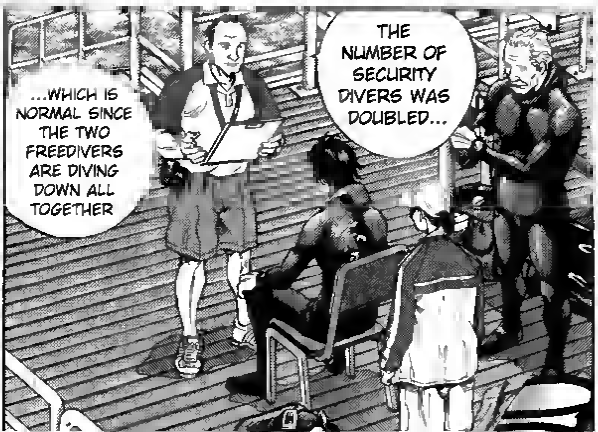
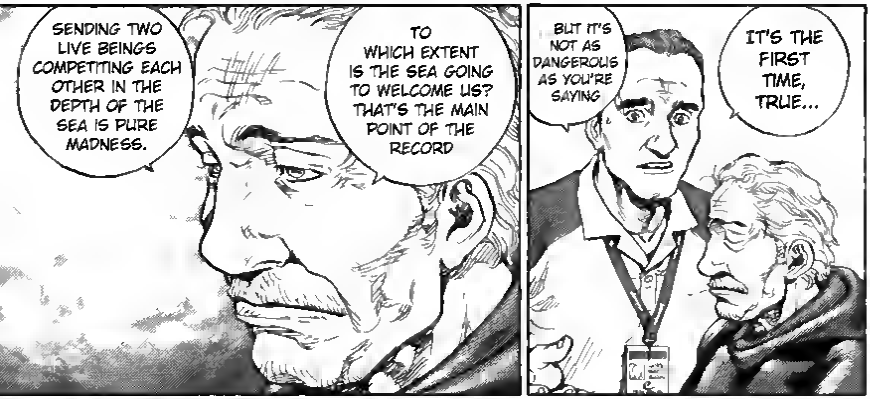

...WHICH IS NORMAL SINCE THE TWO FREEDIVERS ARE DIVING DOWN ALL TOGETHER
THE NUMBER OF SECURITY DIVERS WAS DOUBLED...

THIS ISN'T VIOLATING ANY RULES.
THE RULES DON'T ALLOW SUCH A DANGEROUS PRACTICE!
WHAT'S SUCH NON-SENSE?!
NO, YOU'RE WRONG.
PETIT...
THIS WAS WHAT HE WAS PLOTTING!
FOR A NEWBIE LIKE CISSE, DIVING DOWN WITH YOUR RIVAL MAKES YOU THINK, WHICH MEANS WASTING OXYGEN
BESIDES, HE'S PLANNING TO DIVE DOWN FURTHER THAN PETIT!
HE'S PLANNING THAT CISSE COULD GET UNCONSCIOUS...

SOMETHING YOU DON'T LIKE?
THIS INVITATION IS CANCELLED.
HUH?
BUT WHY?
CISSE, WE STOP EVERY-THING.


SENDING TWO LIVE BEINGS COMPETITING EACH OTHER IN THE DEPTH OF THE SEA IS PURE MADNESS.
TO WHICH EXTENT IS THE SEA GOING TO WELCOME US? THAT'S THE MAIN POINT OF THE RECORD
BUT IT'S NOT AS DANGEROUS AS YOU'RE SAYING
IT'S THE FIRST TIME, TRUE...

I WANT TO DIVE DOWN EVEN FURTHER!
THAT'S FINE. I'LL SETTLE THIS MATTER.
!?
I'M READY FOR IT!

THIS IS A HISTORICAL EVENT WE ARE GOING TO WITNESS IN A FEW MINUTES!!
WHO HAS NEVER DREAMED TO SEE HUMAN BEINGS SWIMMING DOWN BEYOND 100 METERS WITHOUT BREATHING?!

HIS FIRST STEPS ARE AMAZING SINCE HE WENT TO DIVE DOWN BEYOND 100 METERS... THEN MATCHING THE WORLD RECORD!

OUR FIRST COMPETITOR COMES FROM POLYNESIA.
HE HAS A SPECIAL GIFT SINCE CHILDHOOD!

CISSE
THIS IS THE CHILD FROM THE SOUTH SEAS...

SHE SUCCEEDED TO SHOW THAT STUFF UNDER A GOOD LIGHT, THAT STUPID WOMAN.
ABOUT THE NEXT DIVER, ALL OF YOU KNOW WHO HE IS.
CISSE
CISSE!!
I'M INTRODUCING THE ONE THAT THE WHOLE WORLD IS ADMIRING...
...PETIT, THE PRINCE OF THE SEA!!
HE HOLDS THE WORLD RECORD AND HE'S DEFENDING HIS TITLE.

PETIT

ALL OF YOU GIVE THEM A WARM WELCOME!

LET'S HAVE FUN, BROTHER!
IT'S TIME FOR THE SHOW.
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